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EXPRESS READ

'Let Parl take call on same sex marriage'

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday requested the Supreme Court to consider leaving questions raised in pleas seeking legal sanction for same sex marriages to Parliament. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench that the apex court is dealing with a "very complex subject", which has a "profound social impact". **P10**

FIR after probe in WFI case: Police

New Delhi: The Delhi Police told the Supreme Court that some kind of preliminary probe was needed before it can proceed with registration of FIR over sexual harassment charges levelled by women wrestlers against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. **P17**

WHO flags Indian cough syrup again

New Delhi: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that a cough syrup made by an Indian company was found to be contaminated in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. The WHO statement did not say whether any children in the Marshall Islands or Micronesia had fallen ill. **P10**

Maoists ambush police vehicle in C'garh, kill 11

Ten policemen, one civilian dead as ultras blow up vehicle in which they were travelling

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN one of the biggest attacks on security forces in Chhattisgarh, Maoists killed 10 policemen and a driver by blowing up the vehicle in which they were travelling at Arampur in Dantewada district on Wednesday.

The blast, carried out by the outlawed CPI(Maoist) using an improvised explosive device (IED), took place under Arampur police station area around 1 pm on Wednesday when a team of the police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) was out on an anti-Naxal operation.

The impact of the explosion was such that it created a 10-foot deep crater and completely destroyed the road.

The Maoists had planted the IED beneath the road after creating a small tunnel without damaging the road. Going by the magnitude of the explosion, officials believe the rebels may have placed over 50 kg of explosives beneath the road.

Immediately after the explosion, the forces detained two suspects. Senior officials including the Bastar IG and Dantewada SP rushed to the spot. Additional reinforcements, too, were sent and the search operation further intensified.



Security personnel at the blast site in Dantewada district on Wednesday

According to sources, the security personnel seem to have fallen into the trap laid by the Naxals. A team of around 100 Dantewada DRG — mostly recruited from the local tribal population and trained to combat the Maoists — came to Arampur a couple of days ago after learning about the presence of Maoists there.

When DRG team was returning after the operation, it came under attack. Sources said private vehicles were arranged for their return to Dantewada.

According to sources, some villagers flagged the vehicles on the pretext of seeking donations for a local festival. The first vehicle didn't stop and sped off. But the second one halted to respond to the villagers. As it began moving slowly thereafter, the Maoists detonated the IED, killing all 11 in the vehicle on the spot.

5.3 cr voters, 'Vote from Home' facility this time

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena on Wednesday said the state has 5,31,33,054 registered voters for the May 10 Assembly elections. Of them, 16 lakh are new. The final electoral roll was published on January 15.

Revealing this to reporters here, Meena said the "Vote from home" facility will be introduced for the first time from April 29 to May 6.

He said the enrollment activities were held till April 10 and 16,04,285 voters were added. While there were 5,05,15,011



IN A NUTSHELL

VOTERS	NEW VOTERS	Persons with Disability	VOTING FROM HOME
2,67,28,053 Male	6,45,140 Male	571,281	80,250 80 plus
2,64,00,074 Female	5,26,237 Female	80+ voters 1,215,920	19,279 PwD
4,927 Others	181 Others	NRI 3,048	13,771 Essential service

voters for the 2018 Assembly elections, their number increased by 25 lakh, including 11,71,558 young voters aged between 18 and 19, this time. The "Vote from Home" facility will help 1,13,300 senior citizens

aged 80 and above and persons with disability.

"Booth-wise lists of electors, who have opted for the facility, have been prepared. The voters will be informed about the day and time in advance. Two poll-

ing staff, a videographer, a policeman, and agents of political parties will go to such voters' houses during the specified time. After verification of the ID card, a voting compartment and ballot will be provided. The entire process will be video recorded," Meena said.

While claiming that the elector's photo identity cards (EPIC) coverage in Karnataka is 100 percent, Meena said 37,94,517 EPICs were issued from September 1, 2022 to April 25. To help voters to know their polling stations, official voter slips will be distributed at least 10 days before the polling date. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

A RAY OF HOPE

HC allows middle-aged couple, who lost only son, to have surrogate child

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THE Karnataka High Court has permitted a 57-year-old man and his 45-year-old wife from the city to have a surrogate child. The court, however, directed them to undergo a triple test for an eligibility certificate as the law prohibits a man aged above 55 to have a child through surrogacy. The couple have to undergo genetic, physical and economic tests.

The court issued a directive to the state surrogacy board to consider granting an eligibility cer-

tificate to the couple. Since the man is growing old, the court fixed four weeks for the board to consider his application.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order, while partly allowing the petition filed by the couple from Gokula, questioning certain provisions of the Act that prevent them from having a child. The woman had gone into a deep depression after their 23-year-old only son, who was doing an internship at a college in Mangaluru after his MBBS, died in a road accident in December 2022.

"It is said one of the most

painful moments of one's life is to be the pallbearer of a deceased son or daughter. Even medical science says that many parents tend to go into deep depression due to the sudden loss of their children. This emotional vacuum is what is prayed to be filled in the case," the judge said.

The petitioners contended that there is no rationale behind the prescription of the cut-off age of 55 for the man. Declining to accept the said contention, the court said it has to salvage the situation and hence, it is necessary to iron out the creases in legislation without disturbing the content of the statute. **P5**

INTERVIEW



MODI BLITZ WILL HAVE NO IMPACT: GOWDA

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to launch his blitzkrieg rallies in Karnataka, former prime minister and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda told *The New Indian Express* that Modi's rallies will have more impact on the Lok Sabha elections than on Assembly polls, which are fought on local issues. There is nothing special in my campaigning. I have told the party leaders to line up three programmes a day. I will campaign in around 40 constituencies... **P4**

BJP KARNATAKA

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SAFFRON FAILS TO PIERCE THROUGH HEART OF B'LURU

Cong fortresses — Shivajinagar, Shanthinagar, Sarvajnanagar — pose triple S-trouble

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru:

CALL it the 'S' jinx for the BJP in Bengaluru — entry into the Congress fortresses of Shanthinagar, Shivajinagar and Sarvajnanagar assembly segments continues to be full of hurdles, and where neither have Amit Shah's strategies worked, nor has the Modi magic. In fact, in 2018, then BJP national president Amit Shah had taken part in a mega road-show covering these three tricky constituencies, but the BJP failed to make any gains.



The Congress has been winning these constituencies for many years, with NA Haris, Rizwan Arshad and KJ George representing them respectively. The BJP has fielded former BBMP councillors N Chandra, Shivakumar and Padmanabha Reddy against them. Interestingly, these very constituencies vote for BJP during the Lok Sabha elections.

In 2018, Roshan Baig had won Shivajinagar with 59,742 votes (55 per cent vote share), while Katta Subramanya Naidu of the BJP got 41.2 per cent vote share. In 2013 too, the vote share was similar — the Congress candidate got 54.62 per cent, as against 32 per cent for the BJP candidate. Shivajinagar has over 70,000 Muslim voters who largely vote Congress, while some are neutral. There is a sig-

nificantly large number of Tamil voters, who are also not in favour of BJP. In the 13 elections, including one bypoll, held in Shivajinagar constituency since 1967, BJP won twice, in 1999 and 2004, JDS won twice, and Congress was victorious the remaining nine times.

In Shanthinagar too, Congress candidate Haris got close to 50 per cent votes in 2018, while BJP candidate Vasudevumurthy got 34 per cent. In 2013, Congress got 52 per cent and the BJP candidate got 10 per cent. This segment has Muslim and Christian voters, besides Tamilians, whose voting pattern points towards the Congress. This constituency too has seen 12 assembly polls, of which Congress won nine, BJP one, Janata Party two and JDS one.

The story in Sarvajnanagar is similar, with Congress MLA George getting over 1 lakh votes (around 62 per cent vote share), while the BJP candidate got only 31 per cent. The constituency formed in 2008, has seen four elections, and all were won by the Congress.

Shivajinagar and Shanthinagar form part of the Central Business District, while Sarvajnanagar houses a few IT companies. People from other parts of Bengaluru who come here to work, often complain about road infrastructure, with potholes and traffic jams being the common grouses. Both segments have slum pockets which have not been addressed for many years. It connects to Bengaluru West and Bengaluru South to Bengaluru East.

As per the latest voters' list, Shivajinagar has 1.94 lakh eligible voters, Shanthinagar has 2.22 lakh voters and Sarvajnanagar has 3.66 lakh voters.



Youth Cong leader Raksha Ramaiah and KPCC chief D K Shivakumar with first-time voters in Bengaluru on Wednesday

Vote for change, don't fall for emotion: DKS to new voters

Bengaluru: KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Wednesday appealed to first-time voters to stay clear of emotive issues like religious polarisation and caste. "Do not waste your votes. Vote for nation building and change, not for false promises," he said at an event organised by the Karnataka Youth Pradesh Committee on first-time voter awareness in Bengaluru. "The government is mired in corruption which has dented Karnataka's image. Hence, you should vote this government out of power." The power of the nation is with youngsters and they should take part in democracy, he said. **ENS**

AAP'S DISABLED SUPPORTERS STOPPED BY EC OFFICIALS

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WHILE AAP was staging a campaign in Sajjan Rao Circle, Chickpet on Wednesday evening at 4 pm, with the support of about 50 differently abled AAP supporters, the Election Commission, Flying Squad officer, Keshava V C, stopped them and said "the disabled persons were using wheelchairs and said that AAP needed to get permission to campaign." When AAP volunteers clarified that they indeed had requisite permissions the officer said that they needed to have permissions for "vehicles," since the wheelchairs were considered vehicles. He thereafter issued a clarification to the media on the spot that AAP has permission but not a permission to use vehicles and said a wheelchair is a "vehicle," and that a "separate permission for vehicle," is necessary if a disabled person using



Differently-abled persons participate in AAP's campaign in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

a wheelchair is campaigning. AAP raised slogans against the EC official on the spot and said, "Bharat Mata ki Jai," and they said he had committed a poll code violation by addressing the media which by law, he is not allowed.

One of the disabled persons, Muniswamy Srinivas said, "this is virtually a part of our

body, as we don't have legs, so how can you consider this as a vehicle?" He said, "Most countries across the world especially the west have recognized the wheelchair as a part of our body as a mobility aid for the differently abled."

AAP Chickpet Candidate, Brijesh Kalappa, for whom the disabled persons had gathered said, "The same officer Keshava V C, was not following the protocol of displaying his official identity and he did not come with police constables as the law demands." He also said, "Keshava was purposefully picking on AAP volunteers and had stopped them from door to door campaigning on Tuesday too." He said, "Uday Garudachar was sensing defeat has been in the forefront of stopping and blocking the AAP campaign."

Brijesh Kalappa said, "Wheelchairs cannot be considered vehicles since they do not carry any registration numbers as is mandated by law."

Assembly conducted business just 25 days a year, says report

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ON average, the Karnataka Legislative Assembly was held for only 25 days per year between 2018 and 2023 and the longest session was 26 sittings, held during February-March 2022, according to the recent report from the Association for Democratic Reform (ADR) and Karnataka Election Watch released here on Wednesday.

The Analysis of Performance of MLAs (2018-23) revealed that in the party-wise attendance segment out of the total 150 days, JDS MLAs had the highest attendance with 107 days and the Congress legislators the



Former CMs	Days attended (150 days)	Questions asked
B S Yediyurappa	68	0
Siddaramaiah	45	0
H D Kumaraswamy	44	0
Jagadish Shettar	82	0

least with 95 days.

BJP minister Sunil Kumar and MLA of Karnataka Pragnayavanthi Janatha Party R Shankar had the least number of attendance with just four days. BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi had 10 days attendance and BJP Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, 15 days attendance, out of the 150 days. Belur MLA K S Lingesh and Kalaghatgi MLA

Channappa Mallappa Nimbanavar had full attendance.

Prof Trilochan Sastry, Chairman, founder member, ADR, said, "In just 25 days of session, how can the MLAs address the issues of people?" Speaking on the sidelines of releasing the report, he said if it would have been for students with poor attendance in college, they would not have been

allowed to write exams.

Congress Shanthinagar MLA N A Haris topped the list of candidates for asking the highest number of questions (591), followed by Congress Indi MLA Yashvathrayagouda Patil (532). Former chief ministers — Siddaramaiah, H D Kumaraswamy, B S Yediyurappa and Jagadish Shettar did not ask even a single question in the assembly, the report showed.

Over 2,200 questions were asked on general administration and finance. In the social welfare category, 1,516 questions were raised. Under the party-wise average questions raised category, JD(S) MLAs topped the list with 163 questions and

BJP MLAs ranked the lowest with 90 questions. Of the total 214 bills tabled, 202 bills were passed, the report revealed.

During a seminar titled 'Voter Awareness, Money and Muscle Power in the Karnataka Election 2023', Prof Sastry said the Election Commission of India has not taken any action against hate and communal speeches.

Social activist Vinay Sreenivasa said against the constitutional vision that has given rights to any citizen to contest elections, it is the candidates who have the money power, caste dominance and muscle power who are getting to contest the elections.

In Hubballi-Dharwad Central, it is Shettar against everyone else

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
@Hubballi

WITH the exit of senior leader Jagadish Shettar from BJP, the election to the Hubballi-Dharwad Central Assembly segment has turned into a prestige battle for the saffron party. It is equally a question of existence for Shettar, as he has been representing the constituency since 1994. While BJP completely relies on its organisational strength, he hopes to conquer the constituency for the seventh consecutive time as the Congress candidate.

The constituency, with the disrepute of producing two short-term chief ministers — SR Bommi and Shettar, has been eluding the Grand Old Party for the last three decades. The last time it won from here was in 1989, when caretaker chief minister Bommai was defeated by Gopinath Sandra. As the political dynamics changed, against the backdrop of the Idgah movement, BJP became stronger and kept winning the polls successively.

Another interesting fact of the constituency seat is that since 1957, it has been represented by only four people. In the first three hustings, Congress leader MR Patil got elected, thereafter Sandra won twice (1972 and 1989), Bommai as a Janata Party candidate romped home thrice (1978, 1983, and 1985) and Shettar has won it six times. The way Shettar has held his sway over voters, it may not be a cakewalk for BJP to ensure the victory of the fifth candidate from here. Till Shettar was with BJP, nobody had thought that Congress had a chance here. That was because the party never had a formidable candidate to fight the mighty organisational strength of the saffron party and Shettar's political outreach to the voters.

Shettar used to have a secret understanding with Congress leaders to ensure an easy victory and it was openly admitted by him recently. Such an understanding could play out in his

PULSE-O-METER	
HUBBALLI-DHARWAD (C)	
2018 ASSEMBLY ELECTION	
Jagadish Shettar	75,794 VOTES
Dr Mahesh Nalwad	54,488 VOTES
Rajanna Koravi	10,754 VOTES

favour this time too, now that he is the Congress candidate. On the other hand, BJP candidate Mahesh Tenginakai has to go a long way in matching Shettar's stature in both political and public life. Of course, Tenginakai is an organisational man and is projected as the blue-eyed boy of national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh. But that is unlikely to make an impact on the ground, as all local officer-bearers and elected representatives from BJP are Shettar's men and women. It will not be easy for them to break their bond with their leader.

Though a majority of voters here disapprove of Shettar's desertion of BJP, nobody speaks ill of him.

As he is the common man's leader, the people have a good opinion of him, though they criticise him for not doing enough to develop Hubballi-Dharwad. The results on May 13 will reveal how these sentiments will play out.

Of course, BJP's top leaders say Shettar's exit will have the least impact on the party's winning prospects, but Union Home Minister Amit Shah's stay in the city and holding a series of meetings reveals how nervous the party is. Tenginakai, however, emphasised on the party's formidable organisational structure and a strong army of foot soldiers.

EXPRESS READ

Cong block chief suspended for anti-party activities

Bengaluru: The Congress has suspended DJ Halli Ward Block President Abdul Barid for anti-party activities. Following directions from KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Bengaluru North District President M Raj Kumar suspended Barid for working in secret with MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy, who had joined the BSP. Barid is said to be close to Murthy and was always seen with him whenever the MLA visited the ward. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th April: The Moon points to a day with the potential to be different. It doesn't have to be different, of course, but it can be. The point is that as individuals we all have the power to make our own moral choices, and the current set of stars suggests that we should do the best for others as well as for ourselves.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
Money could be the main region of life still requiring attention, although the excitement should be over. I am not asking you to be a saint, but I do think that you should begin to be a little less concerned with your own affairs and more prepared to help others who have missed out.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
Your chart today is what astrologers call 'taxed'. This one word should be enough to convey the impression that you are well on the way to improvements in the quality of your life. The respect you deserve is coming, and will be very gratifying when it finally arrives.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
There is only one thing left to say at home but, exactly what, is not clear from your chart! Having fitted one last piece into the jigsaw you may be able to go your own way and leave family relationships to look after themselves. Hopefully, other people will now co-operate.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
A plethora of planetary patterns progresses slowly through your horoscope. As they do so, you will become happier with your ideas and more successful in setting the pace at home. You will also cook up a new way of making one of your major ambitions come true.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)
Prosperity is indeed on the way. It just so happens that the one very particular planetary alignment indicates a well-deserved increase in your earnings. I earnestly hope that the promise of the stars comes to pass! What you have to do, though, is take the initiative.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
The down-to-earth and the ultra-mundane will be intricately tied to the profound and the long-term. Therefore don't dismiss apparently meaningless people or events out of hand, for they may eventually have great significance. The most trivial developments may well be the most important.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
This is the section of the week during which you should begin to think about money. Your solar chart denotes excellent financial skills, so I have no doubt that you are now poised to pick up a few baggies. Even when seeking partners, you need to shop around!

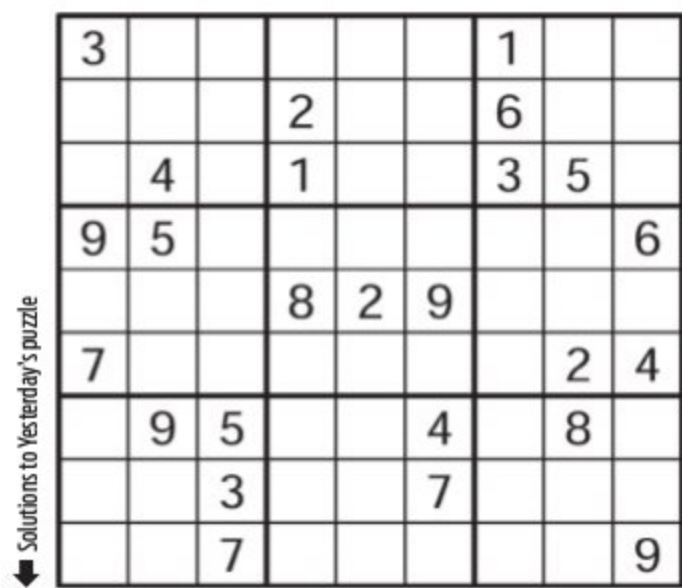
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Sometimes you are guilty, like any ordinary mortal, of crossing the road and walking past when you see trouble. However, the impact of the Sun has had recently indicates that for the next month you should make a point of helping people who are much worse off than you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)
The current tendency in your chart is very much towards devoted hard work and dedication to your responsibilities. Even relationships must be worked at, otherwise events will slip from your grasp. As soon as that happens, then you'll have to deal with circumstances that you thought had been finished with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)
We cannot live by bread alone. What a remarkably true statement that is, and how amazingly relevant to your current circumstances. If you keep your eyes fixed doggedly to the ground, marvelous opportunities will fly by the skies. Raise your sights to the stars!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Only when others have been put right in no uncertain terms will you be able to get your way at home. However, it may be another few days before you have the very genuine satisfaction of having been proved right. Even then, you may not receive an apology!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar 20)
The concluding scene is about to be played in one particular drama. Probably all that is at stake is a question of fact. It all boils down to who is correct but, as a Piscean, you must remember that truth is relative. Everyone could be right, each in their own way!



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ACROSS

- Agree to write some letters (10)
- I do it wrongly being a fool (5)
- One may put out in it for instruction (7)
- Stopped and fired (4,3)
- One loses one's head when in a corner (5)
- Getting the pitch in good order (6)
- Make disclosures about meat (6)
- Accountant taken in by traveller's summary (5)
- Led a nun astray but not charged (7)
- Always the first to set out for the mountain (7)
- Not unusual types and not written by hand (5)
- History teacher who is a real expert? (4,6)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Detach, 4 Sprays, 9 Disdain, 10 Inner, 11 Lay on, 12 Tonic, 13 Built-up area, 18 Awhit, 20 Lounge, 22 Botton, 23 Osse, 24 Exhale, 25 Esther.

DOWN

- That's what you think (7)
- A trio's broken relationship (5)
- Mount perhaps and start on a journey (3,3)
- An outlet for ice melted (7)
- Performing dog in variety (5)
- Stresses the right place for sleepers (10)
- Unlucky to be badly cast as a leading actor (3-7)
- Latest information about absurdly hep relations (7)
- Provide some backing with one's name (7)
- It's a regular trade practice (6)
- Sort of peach that's not expensive (5)
- The ways of country folk (5)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: RODEO, POKER, ASPECT, STRING
Answer: She still had a lot of clothes left to iron but would — PRESS ON

Ola to refund money paid for fancy number

Asked to pay ₹10,000 compensation and other reliefs

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

OLA Electric Technologies Private Limited will have to refund Rs 25,000 paid by a complainant to the Regional Transport Office (RTO), as his vehicle was registered without waiting for the fancy number for which the money was paid.

In addition to Rs 25,000, along with 8 per cent interest, Ola has to pay Rs 10,000 compensation and Rs 5,000 litigation expenses to complainant Vivek Alahari, a resident of Marathahalli in Bengaluru.

The Bangalore Urban Second Additional District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, comprising president MS Ramachandra, members Chandrashekar S Noola and Nandini H Kumbhar, passed the order while partly allowing the complaint.

On December 18, 2022, the complainant received a call from Ola for registration of the vehicle bought for Rs 1.65 lakh, bearing registration no. KA-03 KJ-9636. However, he requested Ola not register the

The Commission noted that this action clearly exposes deficiency of service on Ola's part, for which it is liable to pay the complainant's claim, along with other reliefs.

same as he had paid for a fancy number, KA-03-KK-0003, which was acknowledged by the transport department with a receipt for Rs 25,000.

In spite of that, Ola processed and registered the complainant's vehicle, with the registration no. KA-03 KJ-9636, following which the complainant alleged that Ola failed to render appropriate service by considering his request. The Commission noted that this action clearly exposes deficiency of service on Ola's part, for which it is liable to pay the complainant's claim, along with other reliefs. Being a dealer, it failed to serve the complainant's demand and erred while discharging its duties. Ola has chosen not



to file its version, in response to the notice.

Ola to pay in another case

In another case, the Commission, headed by president KS Bilagi, directed Ola Electric Technologies Private Limited to pay Rs 7,000 compensation, including Rs 2,000 litigation cost, to complainant Ramesh, a resident of Sanjanagar in the city.

Noting that the complainant suffered due to deficiency of service, the Commission passed the ex-parte order recently, while partly allowing the complaint filed by Ramesh against delay in showing his name in the records as the registered owner of the electric scooter, which was transferred from his father-in-law.

Owing to repeated requests, Ola registered the complainant's name with effect from September 23, 2022. But the complainant approached the Commission on September 28, 2022, alleging there is an inordinate delay.

TO STAY HIGH Couple stole motorbikes to buy drugs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

MALLESWARAM police arrested a bike lifter and his 18-year-old lover, and recovered 3 two-wheelers from them. The girl also lifted mopeds at the behest of the man. Police said the couple was addicted to drugs. They would sell the stolen two-wheelers for a meagre price and purchase high-end drugs like MDMA. CCTV footage of the girl lifting a moped helped police solve the case. To conceal her identity, she would wear a burkha while stealing mopeds. Her partner in crime would be waiting at a distance and giving directions.

The accused was identified as V Murugan (25) of Ambekarnagar in Srirampura, and the girl is from Saraipalya in Thanisandra. Another accused, B Murali (23), a resident of Mathikere in Yeshwantpur, was also arrested. Murali helped the couple sell the vehicles. Besides the two-wheelers, police recovered 2 mobile phones, all worth around Rs 1 lakh. The accused were also wanted for robbing.



CASHEW CRAZE

Vendors from Chintamani in Kolar district sell cashew apple near Mehri Circle in Bengaluru. The fruit, native to South America, is popular among city folks for preparing non-alcoholic juice | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SUDAN EVACUEES

KSRTC OFFERS FREE TRAVEL FROM KIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA State Road Transport Corporation has extended free travel to people who are evacuated from war-hit Sudan. The bus corporation will offer free travel to the evacuated people belonging to different parts of Karnataka from Kempegowda International Airport.

The bus corporation has appointed Rajesh S, Chief Traffic Manager, KSRTC,

as the nodal officer to arrange transportation for the evacuees to their respective places.

More than 200 evacuees are accounted to belong to Davangere, Mysuru, Shimoga, Channagiri, among other regions of the state.

When they land at the Kempegowda International Airport, they will be sent to their home towns via KSRTC buses free of cost, said the official order from the bus corporation dated April 25.

Two facilitation teams set up in Delhi and Mumbai to receive evacuees

Manoj Rajan, Commissioner, Karnataka Disaster Management Authority, told The New Indian Express that the lone person from Karnataka who came in the first batch, stays in Delhi and has got down there. He said they were expecting a large number of people from Karnataka to be arriving in India on late Tuesday and Wednesday. To ensure that there are no problems, two facilitation teams have been set up at Delhi and Mumbai, to receive the evacuees, conduct health check ups and then send them to Bengaluru. Once they arrive in the city, their health will be checked again before sending them to their respective destinations in KSRTC buses, he said. On the number of batches and evacuees, Rajan said that it was an ongoing process and the Ministry of External Affairs will be informing the concerned states about the details.

CRIME PATROL

Man gets life imprisonment for murdering wife by stabbing 52 times

Bengaluru: A city civil and sessions court sentenced a man to life imprisonment and imposed Rs 2,000 fine for murdering his wife by stabbing her 52 times at her residence in Kumaraswamy Layout a decade ago. Judge Manjunatha, 45th City Civil and Sessions Court, passed the order sentencing the accused Rajesh (40) for murdering his wife Sharada (28), mother of three, in 2013. According to Public Prosecutor KS Latha, the victim was living separately with her children, after filing a suit against her husband for maintenance and divorce, unable to bear his torture for suspecting her fidelity. After returning from jail, the accused plotted to take revenge. One evening, he followed her from the garments factory at Gowdanapalya to her house to know where she resided. On April 19, 2013, at about 7.45 am, he entered the victim's house, which was unlocked, when the children had gone to their grandparents' home in HD Kote taluk of Mysuru District. When she came out of the bathroom at about 8 am, he closed the door of the house and stabbed 52 times on her neck, stomach, ribs, chest and other parts of the body using a kitchen knife.

Cafe in Koramangala ransacked for delay in serving sugar-less tea, three arrested

Bengaluru: Frustrated over delay in serving sugar-less tea, three hooligans attacked the staff of Chaha Angadi, located at KHB Colony in Koramangala around 3.45pm on Monday. The accused, identified as Suhail, Rehman and Shoaib Pasha, residents of Laljinagar in Lakkasandra, poured hot tea on the victims, Sanjeev, Amit and Lachith, and attacked them with mineral water bottles. They also ransacked the cafe causing several damages. The owner of the cafe, Pritham Shetty, has filed a complaint against the three in Koramangala police station and they have been arrested. One of the victims from Assam returned to his hometown fearing re-attack. "One of the accused runs a cigarette shop in the locality and was a regular at the cafe. When my staff were delayed in serving tea, he called his associates and attacked them. As I was not present there at the time of the incident, they called me for help, and I informed the police after reaching the cafe, who rushed to the spot and caught hold of all the accused," Shetty told TNIE. "There is a CCTV footage in which the accused throwing hot tea on the victims has been captured. They have received treatment as out patients," said an officer part of investigations.

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MODI RALLIES WILL IMPACT LS POLLS MORE, NOT ASSEMBLY: GOWDA

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

AS Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to launch his blitzkrieg rallies ahead of the May 10 polls, former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo HD Deve Gowda in an exclusive interaction with *The New Indian Express* said Modi's rallies will have more impact on the Lok Sabha polls than on Assembly polls, which are fought on local issues. Excerpts:

You are also campaigning for the party. How do you look at the current political situation?

There is nothing special in my campaigning. I have told them (the party leaders) to line up three programmes a day. I will campaign in around 40 constituencies... I have been fighting for the last 60 years. Kumaraswamy has continued it more effectively with his pro-



grammes. Despite undergoing heart operations twice, he is working hard.

All three parties, including JDS, claim that they will get the majority. What is your

assessment?

I will not speak much about Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party. For the first time in the country, (HD) Kumaraswamy has placed a unique programme (Pancharatna) before

the people of the state and he has been working hard. The message has been taken to people in villages. He will continue to take it to people during the next few days before the polls. It has a lot of effect and I am confident that JDS will get the working majority. Farm loan waiver, old age pension, and many more measures were taken by him. Even his enemies will admit that he is a politician who keeps his word.

There is a perception that JDS is confined to the Old Mysuru region. Is that true?

Take a look at the results of the last (2018) Assembly elections. We won three seats each in Vijayapura and Raichur, two in Bidar, and one in Yadgir district. We won nine seats in that region. This time, we will win more in that region. Some friends, not all, want to brand it as just an Old Mysuru party.

The facts are different.

Congress leaders accuse JDS of being BJP's B-team. Is there any truth in it?

What do they have to say about Yediyurappa's son backing out from a contest in Varuna (from where Congress leader Siddaramaiah is contesting)? What is the reaction of the BJP high command? What does that indicate? They have their own internal understandings.

Your views on efforts by opposition parties to form an alliance before the 2024 elections?

It is difficult. BJP won 303 seats, this time it is difficult for them. But it is possible for them to form a government with the help of others. Even that is not possible for Congress. Look at Rajasthan, they are fighting. Also, other parties will not accept Congress' leadership.

If a united opposition against BJP takes shape, will you be part of it?

No.

BJP is hoping that PM Modi's rallies will change the tide in Karnataka....

He will address the rallies in around 40 to 50 places. Its effect will be more on the Parliament elections. This (Assembly poll) is a regional issue. His speeches will have more impact during the Parliament elections, but it is difficult during assembly elections, it is all about local issues.

After he took over as the AICC president, Mallikarjun Kharge seems to be making efforts and meeting leaders from different parties ...

Each one is saying something different. One is talking about Adani and one is talking about something else. There is no

meaning to it.

JDS faces a unique situation as it is fighting both BJP and Congress in Karnataka...

We are fighting to save the party. This is a farmers' party and as a son of a farmer, I am making all possible efforts in that direction. JDS has earned the confidence of farmers and poor people. We have always been committed to social justice. People have not forgotten that.

What are your views on the state government scrapping the 4% quota for Muslims?

I had implemented it, but the BJP scrapped it. They should not have done it. It is wrong. I have taken a stand that we will restore it.

In case of a fractured mandate, will JDS go with Congress or BJP?

Honestly, I don't think that is going to happen. JDS will get a simple majority.

People can run state, don't need Modi: Priyanka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chikkamagaluru

All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Priyanka Gandhi took an indirect dig at Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his recent comment urging people to vote for BJP and to hand over Karnataka's future to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a rally at Sringeri on Wednesday, she asked as to why people of Karnataka should hand over their future to Modi. "Can't the sons and daughters of Basavanna, Kuvempu and Narayanguru run their own state?"

Priyanka said big ministers come to Karnataka and ask people to sell the state. "Nandini was built by the people. KMF

would produce a huge quantity of milk that was being distributed at schools. The Congress government introduced Ksheera Dhare and Ksheer Bhagya schemes. Now, they are saying that milk production has come down. It is a conspiracy to merge Nandini with Amul. Though the livelihoods of one crore people are at stake, the government is not worried about the issue and does not care about the pride of the state," she alleged.

She promised that there will be 100% progress when Congress comes to power.

Priyanka said that this was a hard time for her family. "When my grandmother came to Chikkamagaluru in 1978-79, it was a difficult time for her... but the people of Chikkamagaluru



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi tries her hand at making dosa at Mylari Hotel in Mysuru on Wednesday. She visited the 75-year-old restaurant and savored a plate of dosa and idli

elected her. She was also removed from Parliament, but you sent her back to Parliament. Today, her grandson Rahul has been removed from Parliament in a fake case. Lord Shiva's blessing is on us because we are fighting for the truth," she said, adding that the ongoing Karnataka election is the fight for the truth.

Priyanka alleged that the BJP government in the state looted as much as Rs 1.5 lakh crore. "As many as 100 AIIMS, 2250 km of four-lane roads, 180 ESIC hospitals and 30,000 smart classes could have been built with that money," she added.

When my grandmother came to Chikkamagaluru in 1978-79, it was a difficult time for her... She was also removed from Parliament, but you sent her back to Parliament — Priyanka Gandhi, AICC general secretary

BSY: Shettar won't win, can give it in writing in blood

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

FORMER CM and prominent Lingayat leader BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday said former chief minister Jagadish Shettar will not win the election from the Hubballi-Dharwad Central constituency and he will give that in writing in blood. After attending a party workers' meeting in Hubballi, Yediyurappa said Shettar, who joined Congress after quitting the saffron party, betrayed BJP and he does not wish to take the former chief minister's name any more.

After an important meeting was called by Home Minister Amit Shah in Hubballi recently, Yediyurappa held a meeting with community leaders and BJP workers of Dharwad division at a hotel in Hubballi on Tuesday night. "For certain reasons, Shettar's candidature was withheld by the high command. But PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah had promised Shettar a higher position in national politics. He has betrayed the party and joined Congress. I request all the leaders to back Mahesh Tenginkai and ensure Shettar loses the seat," he said.

"I am holding a meeting with Lingayat leaders. I have discussed with leaders in Bengaluru as well. I had already made it clear that I will not contest the elections and will work on party-building by touring the state. Congress is spreading false information," he said.

I'll ensure Shettar's loss, you do it for Savadi: BSY to voters

Hitting out at Shettar and former DyCM Laxman Savadi for deserting BJP, Yediyurappa said he will take the responsibility of defeating Shettar in the May 10 Assembly elections from Hubballi-Central and called upon people to take the responsibility of defeating Savadi from Athani. Addressing a party rally in Athani, near Belagavi, on Wednesday, he called the Congress a sinking ship.

Yediyurappa expressed confidence that his party would form the government in the state again, winning at least 130 seats.

No ideology left in BJP, says ex-CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hubballi

Stating that the BJP has been left with no ideology, former chief minister Jagadish Shettar questioned the saffron party leaders as to how can they harp on the party's ideology when it formed the government taking the help of MLAs of diametrically opposite ideology.

Shettar told reporters here on Wednesday that the BJP leaders are questioning his ideology after he joined the Congress, but the former should introspect if any ideology is left with the BJP. Fielding candidates having criminal records and sleazy CDs in the election showed the ideology of the party, he charged adding that a person facing 80 cases has been fielded against Priyanka Kharge. Though Shettar took serious exception over the BJP putting forward veteran leader BS Yediyurappa against him, he said, he would accept every criticism of the former CM as blessings and it would help him win the polls.



Former CM BS Yediyurappa campaigns for BJP candidates in Athani, Belagavidistrict, on Wednesday | KPN



Congress Legislature Party leader and former chief minister Siddaramaiah and CM Basavaraj Bommai greet each other at Belagavi airport on Wednesday. The two leaders were in the district to campaign for their respective party candidates

HELLO CM!

POLITICAL THEATRE

Farm leaders want demands in poll manifestos

BENGALURU: Farmer and agri labour organisations have urged political parties to include 18 of their demands like repealing the Land Reforms Amendment Act, APMC Amendment Act and Cattle Slaughter Control Act, in their manifestos. Farmers leaders highlighted their demands during a meeting held with political leaders in the city on Wednesday. They also released a farmer manifesto on the occasion. Activist and politician Yogendra Yadav stressed that this was not an ordinary farmer meeting as all classes of people were represented. KPCC president DK Shivakumar and JDS leader KA Thippeswamy attended the meet. Since no BJP leader attended, the farmer leaders termed them anti-farmer and warned of teaching the party a lesson in the elections. **ENS**

Shah riot remark: Will approach EC, court, says Kharge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hubballi, Belagavi

CONGRESS is filing a complaint with the Election Commission and also exploring legal options to file a case against Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who in a public rally on Wednesday said riots could break out if the Grand Old Party comes to power in Karnataka, said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge here on Wednesday.

Stating that Shah is making such remarks in frustration, Kharge asked him to restrain from inciting people. He questioned as to how the Union home minister could make

such statements. "He is creating communal discord between Hindus and Muslims. The meaning of his statement is that BJP will start creating communal violence if it does not come to power," he alleged.

He said Congress gave education to all. "We have taught Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, who were born after the country's Independence. In the name of privatisation, they (BJP) have now started selling airports, roads and government undertakings," he alleged.

"Modi, who gave funds to a bogus company of one businessman, is engaged in hosting him wherever he visited," said



AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge addresses the media in Chikkodi, Belagavi district, on Wednesday

Kharge, adding that Modi's team in Karnataka was busy collecting 40 per cent commission from civil contractors.

Modi must answer this, he added.

Around 25 lakh youth in Karnataka are jobless. Ironically, at the same time, there are over two lakh vacant posts in the government. Inflation has gone through the roof in the last two years, while Modi is making poor people miserable by imposing GST on every commodity, he alleged.

He said Modi and Shah were visiting the state months before the election under the pretext of inaugurations of development works, but each of these functions was converted into a party event and was misused for political campaigning, he charged.

Alleging that institutions are being misused by Modi and Shah, he said that unlike former MP Rahul Gandhi, a BJP MP from Gujarat was not disqualified despite being sentenced by a lower court for over three years and was allowed to continue as an MP for months and was also allowed to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

He refused to reply to a question on retaining the 4% reservation for Muslims that was scrapped by the Basavaraj Bommai government.

MLC Prakash Hukkeri, MLA Ganesh Hukkeri, Laxmanrao Chingale, Veerkrum Patil, Sham Ghatge and other Congress leaders were present.



UP CM Yogi Adityanath along with MP Sumalatha Ambareesh campaign for BJP candidates in Mandya on Wednesday | UDAYSANKAR S

'Bulldozer Baba' Yogi holds Mandya rally to raze JDS fortress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru, Vijayapura

The JDS bastion Mandya turned saffron with BJP erecting flags and bunting to welcome UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday. BJP leaders had managed to bring hundreds of people from across the state to welcome the 'Bulldozer Baba' to raze the JDS fortress in the May 10 polls.

To connect voters of the Vokkaliga-dominated Mandya with UP, BJP harped that both Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer Nirmalanandanatha Swami and Adityanath, who is also UP's Gorakhpur Mutt head priest, are from the same 'Natha Parampara'.

He joined Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh and BJP candidates of all the seven segments from the district for a roadshow.

At the public rally at Silver Jubilee Park, Adityanath said the country was split in the name of religion in 1947 and BJP will not allow the nation to be divided again on reservation based on religion.

Attacking Congress, he said the Congress government's Five-Year Plan flopped and projects never saw the light of day and the country witnessed highest farmer suicides. "But the Modi-led government has completed projects before the deadline. Due to the double-engine government, there is security and development in

UP and no curfews in the last six years," he said.

Hailing Modi for banning the Popular Front of India (PFI), he said Congress supported PFI and initiated reservation on the lines of religion that was unconstitutional. "Reservation based on religion is unconstitutional."

He said the relationship between UP and Karnataka dates back to Treta Yuga when Lord Sri Rama during Vanasava met Bajarangabali Hanuman in Karnataka. He ended his speech by reciting the first two lines of Naada Geethe.

Addressing another rally in Vijayapura, Yogi claimed that his government has eliminated all goonda and anti-social elements after coming to power. Campaigning for the party candidate, SK Bellubbi in Basavana Bagewadi taluk, he said the New Educational Policy launched by the BJP government allows graduate students to write exams in their local language.

Earlier in Mandya, Sumalatha attacked JDS saying, "There was not a single work initiated in the district. It was me who started the process to relaunch Mysugar factory in Mandya and PSSK in Pandavapura. JDS leaders are wishing for ahung Assembly so that they can again see a party chief minister. They only want the development of their families and not the progress of the people."

HDK: Facing fin woes, but will win 123

ENS @Bengaluru

JDS senior leader HD Kumaraswamy on Wednesday openly acknowledged that his party is facing financial issues. "We have some financial issues, but we still have faith in the support of the people," he said.

Some party old-timers said, "This is not the first time that JDS is facing financial issues. In the past too, the party had issues with liquidity." They recalled how the party's first family would take days to clear bills for shamianas, chairs and sound and lights systems, and sometimes they would pledge gold and other valuables to pay the bills.

But Kumaraswamy said, "We will reach the target of 123. We have not paid anyone to do the survey. We don't need it. We say we will get a majority on the basis of people's support."

Dripping with sarcasm, he said, "Some private channels are saying JDS will get 23-24 seats. But they have dropped 1 before 23."

Commenting on the C-Voter survey, he said, "It is not true. I have seen DK Shivakumar's statement that 150 seats will come to Congress and he would write it in blood. Poor man, he could run out of blood!"

He said BJP leader BS Yediyurappa too has said he will write in blood that former chief minister Jagadish Shettar would lose after joining Congress from BJP.

"No leader should run out of blood. No one needs to write anything in blood."

He said, "Ask me how 123 constituencies. I have met people directly in 106 constituencies. I have travelled to 50-60 villages in each constituency every day. I have interacted with people all across. We have been successful with the Pancharatna and Janata Jaldhara Yatres. My roadshows have received a good response, while that of Home Minister Amit Shah in Devanahalli had to be cancelled as there were very few people."

Audio handiwork of blackmail gang: PTR

BJP's Annamalai says Tamil Nadu finance minister compelled to parrot DMK's line

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan on Wednesday claimed that a second audio clip doing the rounds on social media attributed to him is also fabricated. "It's a desperate attempt by a blackmail gang to achieve its political ambitions," Thiagarajan said.

Reading out a statement in a video recorded in his office, the minister said the video is a continuation of his statement released on April 22 about the first audio. "I strongly and specifically deny I have said to any individual personally or on the phone at any point in time what is contained in the audio clip being circulated on social media since yesterday, the source of which nobody accepts own-



ership for," he said.

Thiagarajan also said the state president of the BJP, K Annamalai, has stooped to the level of posting an audio of somebody telling nobody about some others. "This is the base level of his politics," he said.

Showing a few fake videos of leaders like Barack Obama and Donald Trump made using artificial intelligence, the minister

said, "If such authentic-looking videos can be machine-generated, imagine what all can be done with audio files."

Reacting to Thiagarajan's assertions, Annamalai said the FM's defence is an example of what the DMK's first family could do to a highly educated man with self-esteem and the expose would continue.

The minister in his video also said the DMK government has delivered a record-breaking, innovative and compassionate administration under the leadership of Chief Minister MK Stalin over the past two years.

"To achieve the lofty goals of the Dravidian Model of governance, we have brought in major financial reforms, and we have achieved within two years what has not been attempted in the past decade. The indicators were

better than those of the union government as well. Certain forces are unable to digest these achievements. So, they are indulging in using advanced technologies and cheap tactics, such as releasing of these fabricated audios, to disrupt our good work," Thiagarajan said. Stating that the chief minister is not only the guiding light of Tamil Nadu but the hope of the country, Thiagarajan said, "Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin is our hope for the next generation and has received a great reception from the Tamil people."

"The finance minister seems compelled to parrot a song in praise of the CM's son like the rest of the group. Fall in line or perish seems to be the tagline of the DMK, and the finance minister is no exception," Annamalai said.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses a press conference in Kalaburagi on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Union govt monitoring price rise, says Nirmala

ENS @ Kalaburagi

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday denied claims that the Centre had not done enough to control the rise in prices of essential commodities.

Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, Nirmala said the Union Government is closely monitoring the prices of essential commodities. "Whenever the prices of crude oil increase in the international market, the rise in the prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas becomes inevitable. With regard to the prices of other commodities, efforts have been made to check the

price rise," she informed.

The finance minister said the BJP is committed to the slogan of 'Sab ka Saath Sab ka Vikas', and the successful implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme which aims to provide health services to the poor free of cost. It is also committed to providing financial assistance of Rs 6,000 to all farmer families in the country, she said, citing examples of the pro-people policies of the Centre. On the allegations of the Congress that the BJP has insulted the Lingayat leaders of Karnataka, Nirmala hit back, saying it is the culture of the Congress to insult Lingayats.

Naidu resorting to gimmicks, says Jagan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Anantapur

CHIEF Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday likened Opposition leader N Chandrababu Naidu to the sly aging tiger character of Panchatantra and accused him of resorting to political gimmicks to hoodwink people.

"Naidu is trying to deceive the people saying he is a changed person now, but the fact remains that he took all sections of society for a ride during his tenure as the chief minister," Jagan said.

Addressing a public meeting at Narpala in Anantapur, the chief minister threw barbs at Naidu and his alleged poor English-speaking skills during a national TV channel interview.



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy addresses a crowd at Narpala in Anantapur district on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Naidu is trying to deceive the people saying he is a changed person now, but the fact remains that he took all sections of society for a ride during his tenure as the chief minister — YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, AP CM

Referring to the TDP chief's remarks in the interview, Jagan said Naidu is only trying to spread lies to cheat people once again.

Narrating the take of a man-eating tiger from Panchatantra stories, Jagan asked people not to become victim to Naidu's political dramas and antics once again.

Like the man-eating tiger which gets old and throws baits to attract travellers to eat their flesh, the septuagenarian has attracted four foxes into his fold to spread lies and cheat the people again. "Chandrababu Naidu is also trying to convince people that he has changed totally," he said, adding that the old fox would never learn lessons of life.

Pursuing a policy of loot, stash and devour with the support of his friendly media and foster son, Naidu had cheated farmers, women's self-help groups, pensioners, unemployed youth and other sections of society during his rule, Jagan said, adding that the old man is out to cheat people yet again by spreading lies and denigrating the government.

Observing that the TDP president is playing games with the human memory to cheat people for electoral gains, he asked them not to be misled by his empty promises and lies.

"Unlike the previous TDP rule, our government has so far spent Rs 2.08 lakh crore on people's welfare," he said, asserting that the YSRC is committed to implement its promises.



RAIN RELIEF

Umbrellas in hand, people walk through the Kaloora neighbourhood, as unexpected showers lash Kochi on Wednesday | A SANESH

Pregnant woman's body found on Vizag beach

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Visakhapatnam

MYSTERY shrouds the death of a five-month pregnant woman whose semi-naked body was found under suspicious circumstances on YMCA beach in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday.

Police suspect that the 24-year-old woman was allegedly harassed by her in-laws, which forced her to take the extreme step. While the police recovered

a suicide note purportedly written by her, the autopsy report and phone call data are likely to provide more clues in the case. "Though no injury marks have been found on the deceased's body, we are probing all possible angles," the police said.

The deceased was identified as Swetha, a resident of Pedagantyada area, who was married a year ago. According to the police, Swetha had an altercation with her in-laws an hour before she left her home

on Tuesday. She also had a conversation with her husband, Manikanta, who works as a software engineer in Hyderabad, before leaving her house.

Swetha's mother Ramadevi, in her complaint, blamed the woman's in-laws. She alleged that they harassed Swetha for a month after her marriage and that her husband had even threatened to divorce her last month. "Swetha's in-laws did not show any concern towards her and subjected her to har-

assment despite the fact that she was pregnant," Ramadevi said. "Swetha used to call me daily and complain about harassment by her in-laws. She wanted to prepare for civil exam but her in-laws did not allow her to do so," the complainant added.

Meanwhile, Manikanta alleged that he had tried to convince Swetha to stay calm as all the issues would be settled in due course when she had called him on Tuesday night.



CLP leader Siddaramaiah at the funeral of DB Inamdar at Neginhal village on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Thousands bid adieu to DB Inamdar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

THE funeral of veteran Congress leader and former minister DB Inamdar, who died at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday, was performed with all full state honours at his native village Neginhal in Bailhongal taluk on Wednesday.

The final rites were performed by burying the mortal remains of DB Inamdar as per Lingayat rituals near the tomb of his mother in the agricultural land owned by the Inamdar family. The body was brought from a private hospital of Bengaluru to Neginhal vil-

lage on Wednesday morning. After performing puja to the mortal remains in front of the house, the body was shifted to BD Inamdar high school in the

village for the public viewing.

Divisional Commissioner of Bailhongal Prabhavati Phakiroor, Kittur tahsildar Ravindra Hadimani, Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil, Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Patil, and other senior officers paid homage. Then, the police fired three rounds of bullets in the air and the national anthem was played. Later, mortal remains were taken out in a procession in the village. Thousands of followers of the Inamdar family and their well wishers raised slogans 'Amar Rahe, Kittur Huli Inamdar' in the procession and women were seen weeping.

DA case: CBI court convicts former ASI official, wife

BENGALURU: The Special Judge for CBI cases, Bengaluru, has sentenced former deputy superintendent horticulturist, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Mysuru, MH Thangal to five years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rs 3,50,00,000 and his wife Machamthui Charenamei to three years simple imprisonment with a fine of Rs 1,00,00,000 in a disproportionate assets case, the CBI stated on Wednesday. The CBI had registered the case against the accused on August 13, 2019, on the allegations that he had "enriched himself illicitly from January 1, 2012 to August 14, 2019 and was found in possession of assets around Rs 3,11,94,005, which were disproportionate to his known sources of income by 103%," added the agency. "After probe, a chargesheet was filed against the public servant and his wife. The trial court has found both the accused guilty and convicted them," concluded the CBI.

DOUBLE BALLOTS TO BE USED IN 16 CONSTITUENCIES

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A voter guide having all information in Kannada or English will be distributed ahead of elections.

Meena said 58,545 polling stations have been set up with facilities such as ramps, drinking water, electricity, furniture, waiting rooms with seating arrangements and separate toilets for men and women.

In Bengaluru, Queue Management App (Chunavana App) will provide information on the queue status at polling stations.

It will be updated every 15 minutes, Meena said. He said awareness and training programmes for polling officials and first randomisation of EVMs have been completed in all districts.

"In 16 constituencies, double ballots will be used as there are more than 15 candidates. The second randomisation has been completed in 26 constituencies. It will be completed in the remaining constituencies by April 30, he added.

He said 3,59,253 polling personnel will be deputed this time.

SOMANNA'S CASE

The CEO said an inquiry is under way into a case related to an audio clip in which minister V Somanna, who is contesting from Chamarajanagar seat, is heard allegedly persuading JDS candidate Mallikarjuna Swamy aka Alur Mallu to withdraw his nomination papers. "There is no formal



complaint by the candidate. However, we are looking into it," he added.

erjee, Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav and Arvind Kejriwal.

In an informal chat with reporters here on Wednesday, Rama Rao recalled the recent statement by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi that the Congress would not forge any alliance with the BRS. "Recently, Rahul Gandhi announced that his party will not have any alli-

ance with BRS. But, who asked Rahul Gandhi to forge an alliance with BRS?" he said.

It is interesting to note that the reports say that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has decided to meet Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and KCR as part of his efforts to bring unity among Opposition leaders.

Exuding confidence that the



'Triple test for couple'

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THE lawmakers, at the time of making the law, would not have envisaged that a situation like this would emerge, the court said. Therefore, on such ironing out, "I deem it appropriate to evolve a triple test theory. For the law to be corrected, it is for the legislature to salvage any unique situation for the issue of eligibility certificates to the intending couples," the judge said.

The man works as a first division assistant in a government college and his wife, who has undergone a surgery for removal of her uterus, is a businesswoman. Since it would take a minimum of three years to get a child in adoption under the

provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, the couple came forward to have a child through surrogacy. The man has to first undergo the genetic test for determination of the strength of the gamete/sperm and its quality. Second, the couple should file the proof of their income status to ensure that they can take care of the child.

They should also specify the measures taken, such as creation of property or any fixed deposit, in the name of the child for its financial security. Last, the couple should specify steps to be taken to bring up the child by the father or mother. This is to ensure that the child is not left at the mercy of others for its upbringing.

of his father after the elections, Rama Rao said: "KCR will turn 70 by the time elections are over. US president Joe Biden is 80 now. He is trying for next term."

"We are well poised to come to power. Let, the Congress and the BJP declare their CM candidates so that people will know the subject knowledge and policies of their candidates," Rama Rao said.

RESEARCH

IISc, UK publisher in pact for easy text access

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is the first institute in the country to collaborate with the UK-based Company of Biologists, a not-for-profit publisher, to make access to research articles easier.

Company of Biologists runs a read and publish open access initiative that began in 2004, with collaborations that span over 600 institutions in over 40 countries. The initiative allows institutions that sign up access to five biology and biomedical journals, as well as unlimited and free publishing of research articles.

"We believe that immediate and free availability of high-quality research helps us to achieve our mission of advancing excellence in the biological and biomedical sciences worldwide," the publisher said.

IISc will allow an easier access to research articles, some even dating back to 1853, and publishing of research articles. As part of the collaboration, the institute has been given access to five journals - 'Development', 'Journal of Cell Science', 'Journal of Experimental Biology', 'Disease Models & Mechanisms', and 'Biology Open'.

Corresponding authors from IISc can publish their own research articles in these journals without needing to pay any kind of article processing charge, making the cost of publishing articles much cheaper for researchers.



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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. (KMBL)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued **Demand Notices** under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective **Demand Notice(s)** issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to **KMBL**, within **60 days** from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said **Demand Notice(s)**, from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to **KMBL** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	NPA Date, Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Loan Account No. LAP 18124180, 18129750, 18127717 & LAP- GECL 18268990 CRN (387592381) 1) Mrs. Nagamani , No.15, 2nd Cross, Ramakrishnaiah Road, Gandhinagar, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020. Also at: Mrs. Nagamani , No.63, situated at 2nd Main Road, Seshadripuram (Old No 250/297 of Anjaneya Block then No.63 of 2nd Main Road Seshadripuram), Bangalore-560020 (Borrower). 2) Mr. Rangaiah Sridhara , No.15, 2nd Cross, Ramakrishnaiah Road, Gandhinagar, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020. Also at: Mr. Rangaiah Sridhara , No.63, situated at 2nd Main Road, Seshadripuram (Old No.250/297 of Anjaneya Block then No.63 of 2nd Main Road Seshadripuram), Bangalore-560020 (Co-Borrower).	NPA Date: 11-04-2023 Demand Notice Date: 24-04-2023 Rs.1,14,76,569.43 ps (Rupees One Crore Forteen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and Paise Forty Three Only) as on 21-04-2023	Mortgage over following properties: All that piece and parcel of Residential property Site bearing New Corporation No.63, situated at 2nd Main Road, Seshadripuram (Old No.250/297 of Anjaneya Block then No.63 of 2nd Main Road Seshadripuram) Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.27, PID No.27-67-63 and Bounded on: East by: Property belonging to Sri B L Boraiah, West by: Portion of No.63, North by: 3 feet Passage then Property belongs to Nataraj, South by: Private Property. Measuring East to West 31 Feet and North to South 24 Feet.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **KMBL** as aforesaid, **KMBL** shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **KMBL**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 27.04.2023, Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

INVITATION FOR OPEN MARKET SURVEY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 8 LANE SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK, THE MADRAS REGIMENTAL CENTRE, WELLINGTON

Last date for receipt of quotations is 28 Apr 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of **Mr. Shrawan Gupta S/o Late Mr. R. A. Nagraj Gupta**, aged about 49 years, residing at No. 10, 1st Cross, Gupta Layout, South End Road, Bangalore South, Basavanagudi, Karnataka 560 004, the absolute owner having all the right, title and interest in the residential property bearing No. 223 situated on 100 Ft Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, II Block, Banashankari, Bangalore 560 085 measuring East to West 15.25 meters and North to South (34.60 + 35.10)/2 meters in all measuring 531.46 square meters and having acquired the same vide Deed of Absolute Sale dated 08.12.2004 registered as document No. BSG-1-05111-2004-05 and stored in CD No. BSG039 at the Office of the Sub-Registrar Banashankari which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property"

Any person/s, firms, societies, institutions, entity (corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to, the Schedule Property and/or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/ settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, development rights, order / decree / judgment of any Court, agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever, to the Schedule Property, is required to intimate the same, together with true copies of all documentary evidence / proof in support thereof, to the undersigned, at the address given below, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our Certificate of Title will be issued without any reference to any such claim and claims, if any, received post the expiry of the aforesaid timeframe shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing no. 223 situated on 100 Ft Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, II Block, Banashankari, Bangalore 560 085 measuring east to west 15.25 meters and north to south (34.60 + 35.10)/2 meters in all measuring 531.46 square meters together with 33 Squares of RCC building consisting of ground and first floor having mosaic flooring with jungle wood windows and doors and bounded on the East by: Site No. 10 West by: Site No. 222 North by: Property No. 224 & 225 South by: Road
Dated: 26.04.2023
Mr. Mrinal Javaji, Advocate Javaji Legal, No. 3 and 8, 9th Main, Judicial Layout, Alassandra Bangalore-560065, Karnataka. Phone: +91 7760194609

Format C-1
(For candidate to publish in News Paper, TV)
Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **H .C. Balakrishna**

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**

Name of Constituency : **Magadi LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**

1. **HC Balakrishna** (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election; declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Pending Criminal Cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
	Name of Court	Case No. and status of case	Sections of the acts concerned & brief description of offence (s)	Name of court and date (s) of order (s)	Description of offence(s) and punishment imposed
1	42nd ACMM, Special Court in Bengaluru city MP's and MLA's tribal by Magistrate in the state of Karnataka	C.C No. 30762/20-21 Evidence	Case filed by Kudur Police Station under section 341, 353, 504, 506 R/w 149 of IPC alleging that there was an obstruction by me and others for discharge of official duty by the sub-inspector and accordingly charge sheet has been filed arraying me as Accused No. 1	-NA-	-NA-
2	1st Addl. Civil (Jr.DN.) & JMFC, Ramanagara.	C.C No.934/2018 for appearance of the accused	Representations of Peoples Act, 1951 & 1988 U/s 171 (E) and Karnataka Excise Act, 1965 U/s 38(A) R/w 34 of IPC.In 2018 Assembly Elections, the case is registered against me for violation of code of election conduct.	-NA-	-NA-

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E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET

PRE SALES STATUTORY NOTICE OF 15/30 DAYS UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 READ WITH SUB – SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 SARFAESI ACT FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to bank	Date & Time of E-Auction
1.	1. Vinay R S/o Ravi kumar C. No.115/4, 1st Main, 10th B Cross Ittamadu near Anjaneya Temple, BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru- 560085 2. Mr. Ravi kumar C No.115/4, 1st Main, 10th B Cross Ittamadu near Anjaneya Temple BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru- 560085	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Immovable Property bearing No.14, BBMP Khatha No.04, PID No.55-561-4, Limits comes under BBMP Ward No.183, situated at No 14, 10th B cross, Ittamadu, Chikkalasandra ward Banashankari 3rd stage, Bangalore-560085. Measuring East to West 30'0" feet and North to South 40'0"feet, in all measuring 1200 sq. ft. together with all Rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the Bounded By: East by: Property No-15, West by: Property No-13, North by: Property No-24, South by: 25 feet Road.	Rs. 96,00,000/- (Rs. Ninety Six lakh only) EMD : Rs.9,60,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)	Rs.70,74,063.00 (Rupees Seventy lakhs Twenty four thousand & Sixty three Only) as on 02/11/2022and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of payment.	12/05/2023 from 12.00 PM to 1.00 PM
2.	1. Mr. Devaraju No.2/4,Devaraju Building,Bommasandra Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099. 2. Mrs. Renukamma V No 2/4 Devaraju Building Bommasandra Village Anekal taluk Bangalore-560099.	Immovable Residential property bearing Khatha No.2012/1658/214/B, Situated at Ward No. 5, 1st Cross Road, 1st Main, Kuvempu Road, Bommasandra, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099. Sy. No. 2/4 (Old Sy.No. 2/3) Converted Land Measuring 0-08 Guntas For residential Purpose by Deputy Commissioner, Vide order No. ALNIA/SR-276/2012-13, dated 24.12.2012, Portion of property measuring East to West 28'0" Feet and North To South (62'4"+61'11")/2 feet, in all 1736 Sq. Ft. and in area together with building with all civic amenities, with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, East: Remaining Portion of Land, West: Property Belongs to Shivaraj Reddy and B T Prabhakar Reddy, North: Govt. Road, South: Property belong to late Chowdaiah's grand Children	Rs.1,48,00,000/- (One crore forty eight lakhs only) EMD : Rs.14,80,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand only)	Rs.76.81,220/- (Seventy Six Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Only) as on 21/11/2022 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of payment.	26/05/2023 from 12.00 PM to 01.00 PM

Please take notice that the secured asset mortgaged/charged to the Ashoknagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., as stated in the subject shall be sold by E-Auction/ to be held on **12.05.2023** and **26.05.2023** or thereafter on some other day through / <https://bankauctions.in> & www.foreclosureindia.com from 12.00 P.M. to 01-00 P.M. For further details, Terms and Conditions, login to our website <https://ashoknagarbank.com> or please visit our H.O. bank branch and meet the Authorized Officer.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20-04-2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.

FORMAT C-1
(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)
Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **KELACHANDRA JOSEPH GEORGE**

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**

*Name of Constituency : **160- SARVAGNANAGAR - ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I **KELACHANDRA JOSEPH GEORGE** a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Pending criminal cases			Details about cases of conviction for Criminal offences		
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Status of dated	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & Date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & Punishment imposed
1	42nd ACMM, Spl Court to deal with criminal cases related to MP's/MLA's trailable by Magistrate in State of Karnataka	CC – 25317/2022, filed under section 188 of IPC & is pending before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate bangalore. received summons in the said case & the same is pending, the next date of hearing is on 10/05/2023.	Section 188 of IPC & r/w 103 of Karnataka Police act. Brief description: Section 188 of IPC – disobedience of order promulgated by the public servant, Raj Bhavan Chalo protest case.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	First additional Civil judge (Junior division) & JMFC court, Ramanagara District.	CC – 6231/2022 yet receive any summons / notice from the honorable court in respect of the said matter.	Section 5(3a) of Karnataka Epidemic Dieases Act 2020 & undersection 141,143, 290, 336 r/w 149 IPC. spread of out break of epidemic disease.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	Supreme Court of India	CC – 09/2018. Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed CBI to carry out the said matter for investigation. After the closure report having been submitted by the CBI, one Smt Sabitha. S. Kath has challenged the same before the honorable supreme court of india in SLP (CRL) No 000049 – 000051 of 2021 in which notices are received from the Honourable Supreme court of India and the matter is pending for disposal.	Section 306 & 34 IPC abetment of suicide	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)

- NO -

Any other information required to be given.

- NOT APPLICABLE -

*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

WESTERN RAILWAY				
VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS				
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, (Construction) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara invites E-tender as per details given Below:-				
Sr. No.	Tender No. & Date	Work and Location	Approx. Cost of Work (₹)	Bid Security (₹)
1	TR-C-9-2023 Dated 25.04.2023	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE including modification of existing OHE between Anand - Godhra Section on Vadodara Division of Western Railway in connection with doubling Work (Phase-II, 39.62 RKM)	16,66,91,957/-	9.83,500/-
2	TR-C-10-2023 Dated 25.04.2023	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE including modification of existing Connecting OHE between Samliya -Timba Road Section on BRC Division of Western Railway in cornection with GC Work. (Phase-I, RKM:5)	20247630.50/-	251200/-
3	TR-C-11-2023 Dated 25.04.2023	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE between Chhotaludepur Dhar Section on Vadodara Division of Western Railway in connection with New line. (RKM:- 27.58, Phase-II).	113066800/-	715300/-
Date of uploading of above tenders: 25.04.2023, Date & Time of bidding starts for above tenders: 03.05.2023, Date & Time of closing of above tenders: on 17.05.2023 till 15.00 hrs.				
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Securitisation Notice under S. 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

We, RBL Bank Limited the secured creditor of Applicant & Co-Appllicant mentioned in column no.2 below inform you all that your account has been classified as **Non-performing Account** in our accounts on **07.03.2023** pursuant to your defaults in making payment/ repayment of principal and interest. An amount **Rs.57,31,520.12** is now due and payable by you as on **16.03.2023** together with further interest thereon to **RBL Bank Ltd.** In spite of our repeated demands you have not paid the amount(s) outstanding in your account(s) and you have not discharged your liabilities. We, therefore, issued notice under section 13(2) of Chapter III of the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 on **23.03.2023** demanding payment of the above mentioned amounts together with further interest applicable at the contracted rates, costs, charges, other moneys to discharge your liabilities in full within **60 days** from the date of the notice.

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Sl. No.	Name of Borrower and Loan Account Nos.	Description of the property mortgaged	NPA Date & Amount O/s
1	1) Mr. Chithavadduta Rajanikanth (Borrower & Mortgagor), 2) Mrs. Chithavadduta Supriya (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor), Both are at: No.4-5-60/17, 1st Floor, Saibabta Road, Opposite to CBI Bank, Korlaipadu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522007. Also at: H.No.13-43, Anasuyamma Colony, Near Venkateswara Temple, Manopadma Mandalam, Undavalli, Meethoboo Nagar, Andhara Pradesh-500082. Also at: No.451/55/37, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560060 Loan Account No.: 809003131144	Details of the assets charges to the Bank: Composite Schedule-A Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property being vacant site bearing corporation Katha No.4267/15/B/5402/31/2, No.826/715/A/5401/31/1 and No.826/715/5403/1, situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-Division, measuring approximately 16300 Square Feet and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West: A to H: 89 Feet, B to C: 25 Feet, D to E: 72.7 Feet, F to G: 39 Feet, North to South: A to B: 92 Feet, C to D: 92.11 Feet, E to F: 110.10 Feet, G to H: 77 Feet. and Bounded as follows: East by: Road leading to Vrushabhavathi River (Private Property shown as ABCJ in the sketch). West by: Road and (Private property shown as HGFI in the sketch), North by: Road, South by: Road. Schedule-B Property: 337.39 Sq.ft. of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule-A property hereby conveyed by the vendor to the purchaser. Schedule-C Property: All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.A-101 in the First Floor of the project Known as "RF TWLIGHT" built on Schedule-A property and apartment measuring 1159.03 Sq.ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lift, stair case and other areas common use inclusive of balcony and utility areas with one car parking space in the basement floor and includes all rights privileges, appurtenances thereto and Bounded on: East by: Common Area, West by: Setback, North by: Flat No.A-102, South by: Common Area. The property belongs to Mr. Chithavadduta Rajanikanth .	NPA Date: 07.03.2023 Total amount of Rs. 57,31,520.12 Out standing due as on 16.03.2023 Demand Notice Date: 23.03.2023

Now the authorized officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** do hereby publish the contents of the above demand notice as provided under the Rules for discharge your liabilities in full, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the following security created by you in our favour by exercising any or all the rights given under the said Act.

Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **RBL Bank** against the borrower and the guarantors of the said financial under law. You are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said Act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

Place: Guntur & Bangalore, Date: 27.04.2023

Sd/- Authorized Officer, RBL Bank Ltd.



ASHOKNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Head Office: # 1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 050.
Ph: 080-26506213, 26606365, 26600513, 26600514 Mobile: +91 91085 10082, 91085 10084

E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET

PRE SALES STATUTORY NOTICE OF 15/30 DAYS UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 READ WITH SUB – SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 SARFAESI ACT FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to bank	Date & Time of E-Auction
1.	1. Vinay R S/o Ravi kumar C. No.115/4, 1st Main, 10th B Cross Ittamadu near Anjaneya Temple, BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru- 560085 2. Mr. Ravi kumar C No.115/4, 1st Main, 10th B Cross Ittamadu near Anjaneya Temple BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru- 560085	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Immovable Property bearing No.14, BBMP Khatha No.04, PID No.55-561-4, Limits comes under BBMP Ward No.183, situated at No 14, 10th B cross, Ittamadu, Chikkalasandra ward Banashankari 3rd stage, Bangalore-560085. Measuring East to West 30'0" feet and North to South 40'0"feet, in all measuring 1200 sq. ft. together with all Rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the Bounded By: East by: Property No-15, West by: Property No-13, North by: Property No-24, South by: 25 feet Road.	Rs. 96,00,000/- (Rs. Ninety Six lakh only) EMD : Rs.9,60,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)	Rs.70,74,063.00 (Rupees Seventy lakhs Twenty four thousand & Sixty three Only) as on 02/11/2022and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of payment.	12/05/2023 from 12.00 PM to 1.00 PM
2.	1. Mr. Devaraju No.2/4,Devaraju Building,Bommasandra Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099. 2. Mrs. Renukamma V No 2/4 Devaraju Building Bommasandra Village Anekal taluk Bangalore-560099.	Immovable Residential property bearing Khatha No.2012/1658/214/B, Situated at Ward No. 5, 1st Cross Road, 1st Main, Kuvempu Road, Bommasandra, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099. Sy. No. 2/4 (Old Sy.No. 2/3) Converted Land Measuring 0-08 Guntas For residential Purpose by Deputy Commissioner, Vide order No. ALNIA/SR-276/2012-13, dated 24.12.2012, Portion of property measuring East to West 28'0" Feet and North To South (62'4"+61'11")/2 feet, in all 1736 Sq. Ft. and in area together with building with all civic amenities, with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, East: Remaining Portion of Land, West: Property Belongs to Shivaraj Reddy and B T Prabhakar Reddy, North: Govt. Road, South: Property belong to late Chowdaiah's grand Children	Rs.1,48,00,000/- (One crore forty eight lakhs only) EMD : Rs.14,80,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand only)	Rs.76.81,220/- (Seventy Six Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Only) as on 21/11/2022 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of payment.	26/05/2023 from 12.00 PM to 01.00 PM

Please take notice that the secured asset mortgaged/charged to the Ashoknagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., as stated in the subject shall be sold by E-Auction/ to be held on **12.05.2023** and **26.05.2023** or thereafter on some other day through / <https://bankauctions.in> & www.foreclosureindia.com from 12.00 P.M. to 01-00 P.M. For further details, Terms and Conditions, login to our website <https://ashoknagarbank.com> or please visit our H.O. bank branch and meet the Authorized Officer.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20-04-2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Format C-1
Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court In WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: **SURESHA B.S**

Name of political party: **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

Name of Election: **KARNATAKA STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**

*Name of Constituency: **158-HEBBAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**

I **SURESHA B.S**, a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending Criminal cases				
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1.	10th Addl CMM court Mayo Hall, Bangalore	Crime No.0078/2019 And dated 02-04- 2019	Stayed by Hon'ble high court of Karnataka in crl.petion No.4604/2019	Section 285 and 336 of IPC and Building constructed more than 15 meter height without taking NOC from fire department
2	2nd Addl. CMM court, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore	Crime No.0149/2022 and dated 14-06-2022	Pending	427,143,147,149,188 & 290 of IPC and Participating in protest rally

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
1	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Nil	Nil	Nil

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**
Tender No : 14/2023-24/PHC/KNR(Re-Tender)

AMRUT 2.0 -Pipe line extension/replacement and providing FHTCs-
WSS to Thalassery Municipality. EMD : Rs. 200000, Tender fee :
Rs. 13010. Last Date for submitting Tender : 08-05-2023 03:00 pm,
Phone : 04972705902

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-138-23-24
Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kannur

**CITY UNION BANK LIMITED**
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id: crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, Fax: 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (b) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.63,14,371/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy One only)** as on 19-04-2023 together with further interest to be charged from 20-04-2023 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095. Also at:- Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, Flat No.104, 1st Floor, Neha Sadan, Sy.No.11, Ward No.192, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068. No.2) Mrs. T.M. Saraswathy, W/o. Mr. T.M. Monnaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095.**

Note : 1) That our **512-R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 50181208005402) dated **01-03-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 3,20,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA on 10-07-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **19-04-2023 is Rs.5,09,293/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-04-2023** till the date of realization.

2) That our **512-R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 50181208005402) dated **29-06-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 2,51,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA on 10-07-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **19-04-2023 is Rs.3,90,174/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-04-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah)
Schedule - A:- All that piece and parcel of residential converted vacant site bearing No.7, Old Khattha No.193, present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike New Municipal No. 730/253/152/117, formed out of the Residentially converted Survey No.11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,192 Ward of BEMP measuring East to West - 91.8 Feet, North to South - 103 Feet in all 9455.4 Square Feet together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Bounded on the:- East - Private Property, West by - 30 Feet Road, North by - Private Property, South by - Krishnappa's Property.

Schedule - B:- Apartment bearing No.104 in First Floor in the building Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule - A Property measuring 1,250 Square Feet of super built-up area containing 2 Bed Rooms, Hall Dining and Kitchen, one covered car parking along with proportionate share in common area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Lift excluding Terrace, contained with the Residential Apartment known as Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule Property as per building Specification (Annexure - 1) Property is Bounded on its sides as under:- East- Corridor, West - 103 Feet, North - Open to Sky, South - Corridor.

Schedule - C:- 227 Square Feet of undivided share of right, title and interest in land of the Schedule - A Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.24,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Four Lakh only) (For Schedule - A, B & C)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
16-05-2023	City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., R.T. Nagar - Bangalore Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032.** (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before **12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatsoever- there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD)** paid of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 25-04-2023
Authorised Officer
Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001. CN - 1651107N1904PLC001287, Telephone No.0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, Website: www.cityunionbank.com

**RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA**

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following item(s):-

S. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description	Quantity (Nos./Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	13225844A 22.05.2023	FTIR Spectrometer as per Spec. No. QMTS-017 Rev: Nil	01 Nos.	96,640/-
60 Months after the date of delivery/ PL No./Item Code - 659008480019				
2.	13235113 22.05.2023	1. ES R-MIRROR 20 V/99, 7A 97073-183 LAMBDA 9.3 Drg: TRUMPF PART NO. 0957551/957536 OR II-VI PART NO. 586378 OR OPHIR PART NO. 631047-117. MAKE - TRUMPF (GERMANY) OR II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6323131. 2. ZERO SHIFT MIRROR /CU TOTAL REFLECTOR, DIA-3.0 X THICK-0.500" Drg: LVD PART NO. 29100051 OR II-VI PART NO. 923010 OR OPHIR PART NO. 633032-117. MAKE- LVD (BALGIUM), II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6362001. 3. ZNSE LENS POSITIVE MENISCUS F.L.-7.5", DIA.-2.00" E.T.- 0.380" Drg: LVD PART NO. 29100055 OR II-VI PART NO. 695399 OR OPHIR PART NO. 60698. MAKE- LVD (BALGIUM), II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6362004. 4. NSE LENSE POSITIVE MENISOUS F.L. 10.00" DIA. 2.00" E.T. 0.380" Drg: LVD PART NO. 29100061 OR II-VI PART NO. 981551 OR OPHIR PART NO. 62102. MAKE LVD (BALGIUM), II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6362083. 5. SILICON REFLECTOR 2.00" DIA, 0.200" THK. (FOLDING MIRROR) PO/FG, DEMMR/UC*CA Drg: LVD PART NO. 29100037 OR II-VI PART NO. 408825 OR OPHIR PART NO. 630919-117. MAKE- LVD (BALGIUM), II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6362087. 6. ES MIRROR MOUNT 1 PL/18 50% UR Drg: TRUMPF PART NO. 1335096/957553 OR II-VI PART NO. 372847 OR PART NO. OF OPHIR 631624-117. MAKE - TRUMPF (GERMANY) OR II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6363186. 7. ZNSE MENISCUS LENS F.L. 5 INCH DIA. 1.5 INCH. NE.T. 7.4 MM. Drg: LCW(TTM) PART NO. L0103030003 OR II-VI PART NO. 312503 OR OPHIR PART NO. 61982-117 ULA. MAKE- TTM OR II-VI (USA) OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6369229. 8. ADAPTIVE MIRROR (AUTOLAS) FOR H. K. LASER (AFC MIRROR) Drg: H.K. Part No.211244 (OR) OPHIR PART NO.631290-117 (OR) Equivalent Part No. of II-VI. Make- II-VI USA (OR) H. K. KOREA OR OPHIR (ISRAEL). PL No. N6368049.	02 Nos.	57,650/-
3.	02231037 22.05.2023	Harness for LHB EOGAC Economy Coaches with Linen Room.	119 Set	20,00,000/-
4.	02231045 19.05.2023	Roof Mounted AC Package Unit (Two Type)	360 Set	50,00,000/-
5.	02231052 22.05.2023	Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of GPS Location Based PAPIS	139 Set	20,00,000/-
6.	02231066 19.05.2023	Switch Board Cabinet	370 Nos.	20,00,000/-
7.	02231058 22.05.2023	Five Types of Thin Walled Flex Elast. Cable in 50 & 70 sq. mm.	33900 Mtrs.	4,25,570/-

1. For details and making on-line bids, visit website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class III-b digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and tenders will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tender at Sl. No. 1 & 2 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sl. No. 3 to 7 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM
Tenderers may please note the following changes in 1. Tender No. 17231072 for Item FRP Side Wall Panels for AC 3T Coaches. Due Date to be made as 08.05.2023 instead of 25.04.2023. 2. Tender No. 12231035 for Health Faucet with Mounting Brackets. Quantity to be read as 1441 Nos. instead of 1185 Nos. **All other terms & conditions will remain the same.**
PCMM

Tender No. G-RCF/122/Stores/014/2023-24 **Dated 26.04.2023**

LOST DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that, Original sale deed of residential Flat No.4, bearing municipal No.214, "Bramhan" Bramhan Cross Road, Bangalore. Registered as documents No.20085-46, dated 17-04-1985, registered before Sub Registrar Shivajinagar Bangalore, has been lost. **Police report is lodged vide Last Report No.0417363/2022 before Bangalore City Police.** It found Kindly return to **MRS. HABEEBAE K. @3/A1, Berlie Street Cross, Shantinagar, Bangalore - 560025**

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IIFL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the "IIFL HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IIFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IIFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues(Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession on
Mrs. Saritha S Mrs.C Padma Mr.John Beskey Nayagam (Prospect No 939542)	All that piece and parcel of 'Portion Of Site No. 14 Khattha No.218/1, Ad measuring Land Area 600 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area 550 Sq. Ft., Built Up Area 675 Sq. Ft., Horamavu Village, Kr Puram, Hobli, Bangalore, 560036, Karnataka, India, Bounded By:- East- Road, West- Private property, North- Remaining portion of site no.14, South- Site no.13.	Rs.20,89,025/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Twenty Five Only)	22-Nov-2022	24-Apr-2023
Mrs. Poornima S R Mr.Somesh Kumarm Jayakumar (Prospect No 732789)	All that piece and parcel of 'Property Bearing 17/1 House No.63-100, 17/1, 1st Main Road Area Admeasuring 600 Sq.Ft. A.K.Colony, Suddagunte Palya., 560029, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. Bounded by:- East by : Remaining portion of same property, West by :Road, North by :Road, South by : Maddurappa's property.	Rs.26,21,221/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Only)	29-Aug-2022	24-Apr-2023

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025 or Corporate Office: Plot No.38, Phase-IV, Loddy Village, Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore , Date: 27-04-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank**
A Government of India Undertaking
सहकारी सिंडिकेट

Regional Office South, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004. PH : 080-26548864.

E-AUCTION NOTICE
SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(b) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website <https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com>

Sl. No.	1) Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2) Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	1) BORROWER (S) : A) Suresh Shetty and Usha S Shetty, No. 158, Ground Floor, BHECS Layout, Paduka Mandir Road, Subramanyapura, Bangalore, Karnataka 560061. 2) Canara Bank - Wilson Garden Branch Mob. No. 22236895 / 9448960027	1) Rs 82,09,191.96 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.96,70,000/- EMD : Rs.9,67,000/-	1) 23.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010419 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 24.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm 3. 22.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable property - All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No.504,5thFloor,Tower No-2,F Block,Elegant Whispering Winds,Nagegowdanapalya,BSK 6thStage,UttarahalliHobli,Bangaluru in Sy. No.7/22 within the registration subdistrict Bengaluru South and district Bengaluru Urban and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No.7/22, West by : Road, North by : Land belonging to Janapriya Engineers and Builders and South by : Private Property.				
2	1) BORROWER (S) : 1) Mr. Roysten Adarsh Serrao S/o Shri. Wilfred Serrao 2. 2) Sri Wilfred Serrao (Co-obligant and GPA Holder of Roysten Adarsh Serrao) S/o Lawrence Serrao, No. 10, 9th Main, 7th cross, Gangamma Nilaya, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010 2) Canara Bank - BTM Layout-2 Branch Ph. No.080-26689319, Mob. No.7564056977	1) 63,90,475.59 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.53,50,000/- EMD : Rs.5,35,000/-	1) 23.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010652 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 24.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm 3. 22.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable property - Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Survey No: 3, (Converted vide order no A.L.N(E)/SR/KRU.HO) 181/2008-09 dated 25-06-2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), Present BEMP Katha No. 109, situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 0.11.08 (Eleven & Half) Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No: 3, North by : Remaining portion in the same Survey No: 3, South by : Road. Schedule B Property : (Description of undivided share in the Schedule A Property agreed to be sold). 397 square feet of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership on land of the Schedule "A" property including proportionate share of common areas and other common rights. Schedule C Property : (Description of Apartment). A Two bedroom Apartment/Flat bearing Flat No : 005 in the Ground floor, in the residential complex known as "CASA FELIZ" constructed on the Schedule A property, measuring super built up area of about 1450 square feet, which is inclusive of floors, ceiling and walls and including proportionate share of all common areas staircase, lifts, open space and other common rights, together with one car parking space in Basement floor and with 397 square feet of undivided share of interest in the Schedule "A" property.				
3	1) BORROWER (S) : 1. G P Prakash and Mamatha D P Residing at No. 788 32 3, Near Church Narayanareddy Layout, Konnappa Aghraha, Bangalore. 2) Canara Bank - DVG Road Branch - II, Ph. No. 080 26679845, Mob : 9449860047	1) Rs. 1,20,86,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.48,00,000/- EMD : Rs.7,80,000/-	1) 23.05.2023 before 4.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010441 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 24.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm 3. 22.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable property : Residential property Flat No 202 SECOND FLOORARIES LAKE VIEW CMC Katha No 460 Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore 560064 and Bounded on the : East by : Land Acquired By BDA, West by : Land of Ramakka, W/o. Subbaiah, North by : Road and South by : Road.				
4	1) BORROWER (S) : 1. Sri Jagadish L R and Smt Shashikala J No 355, Behind Suryodaya School, Rajanukunte, Bangalore - 560064. 2) Canara Bank - DVG Road II Basavanagudi Branch. Mob : 94498 60047.	1) Rs. 61,48,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.51,60,000/- EMD : Rs.5,16,000/-	1) 23.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010441 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 24.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 22.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable assets: Residential flat bearing No 217, 1ST Floor measuring about 1676 sq.ft in Pushpam E Town Apartment Sy No 163/3 & 165/1, S Medahalli , Sarjapur Hobli, Bengaluru 560064 and Bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Sy No. 72, North by : Road and South by : Sy No. 165/2.				
5	1) BORROWER (S) : Mr. B C Manjunath Flat 305, 3rd Floor, Karishma Classic rajagardeniya layout, tharahalli village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South. 2) Canara Bank - Banshankari II Stage Branch. Ph No : 080-26719241 / 9483521147	1) Rs. 35,55,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.41,10,000/- EMD : Rs.4,11,000/-	1) 30.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0001147 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 29.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable assets: Flat No 305 , 3rd Floor, in apartment named Karishma Palace, Khata No 453/19/20, Site No 19 & 20, rajagardeniya Lyout, Tharahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South (Measuring about 1075 Sqft).				
6	1) BORROWER (S) : Mr. Vikas Govil Flat 202 Karishma Classic,Channasandra village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South. 2) Canara Bank - Banshankari II Stage Branch. Ph No. : 080-26719241/9483521147	1) Rs. 96,98,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.49,00,000/- EMD : Rs.4,90,000/-	1) 30.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0001147 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 29.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable assets: Flat No G 002, Ground Floor, in apartment named Karishma classic, Khata No 373/37/2, Sy No 37/2, Channasandra village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South (Measuring about 1200 Sqft).				
7	1) BORROWER (S) : Kishore Kumar U & V Manjula, Residing at MIG-C2-341-FF BLDG No. 109, Karnataka Housing Board, Shirke APT, Kengeri, Bengaluru -560060 2) Canara Bank - VV Puram Branch. Mob : 9483500414	1) Rs. 1,75,007.16 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.13,25,000/- EMD : Rs.1,32,000/-	1) 23.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0000414 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 24.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 22.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable assets: House No. 481&482, MIG-'A/2, 1st Floor, Block No. 134, KHB@Valagera Halli, Kangeri III Stage, Kangeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk in the name of U Kishore Kumar & V Manjula Total measuring 34.14Sq Metre of Each flat (Plinth Area) and Bounded on the : East by : Part of the Same Property, West by : Part of the Same Property , North by : Part of the Same Property and South by : Part of the Same Property.				
8	1) BORROWER (S) : 1. M/s Pranag Data Links (P) Ltd (Borrower) 2. S Nagesh & Prabha Nagesh (Partner's) 2) Canara Bank - VV Puram Branch. Mob : 9483500414	1) Rs. 96,62,162.53 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.1,44,68,000/- EMD : Rs.14,47,000/-	1) 23.05.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0000414 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 24.05.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 22.05.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
Description of the immovable assets: Flat No. G-1 in the Ground Floor on property bearing no 140/10(Old No. 93 Later-125) Situated at Maharastra Mahila Vidyalaya Road(Diagonal Road), Visveshwarapuram, Bangalore, Corporation, Ward No. 50(Division No:47), Total Measuring 1540 Sq.ft. and Bounded on the : East by : Open area of apartment building, West by : Apartment no G2 in Ground Floor, Common Area, North by : Lobby and operation area of apartment building to G1 and South by : Open area of Apartment building.				

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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
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KR Puram Branch : Office No. 1218, 2nd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036,(KA).

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub -section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(COMBINE LOAN CODE NO. 21400001282 KR Puram Branch) Revanth Reddy Nulaka (Borrower) Annapurna S (Co Borrower)	Sy No 89 Nagondanahalli Site No 02 Sy No 89 S Situational At Kaith Ota Nagondanahalli Channasandra Whitefield, Bengaluru - 560066, Karnataka. Bounded on : East by : Site No 34, West by : Road, North by : Site No 03 and South by : Site No 01.	11-01-2023 ₹ 11,25,314.00 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Only)	25-04-2023

Place : KR Puram
Date : 27.04.2023
Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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— Ramnath Goenka

KALAKSHETRA INCIDENT: ART INSTITUTES NEED OPEN, EQUAL CULTURE

A legendary institution in Chennai has been roiled with agitations and allegations of sexual misconduct, moral policing, colourism and casteism. Murmurs of issues at the Kalakshetra Foundation, which runs the Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, came to the fore late last year and exploded into student protests late in the night on the streets after the youngsters felt the administration was not paying their complaints any heed. The sexual misconduct allegations have focused on four individuals—a faculty member and three dancers. After matters came to a head, the institution suspended the faculty and terminated the contracts of the dancers. The faculty has been arrested. The institution's internal complaints committee (ICC) had initiated an inquiry into the faculty member's conduct but had given him a clean chit. Many students told reporters they felt the process had been an eyewash. Meanwhile, the faculty member's supporters have alleged that other faculty members instigated the complainants and protesters. Even as the police pursue the investigation, other problems at the institution have come to the limelight through accounts of students and alumni to reporters.

Classical arts in India are taught in a *guru-sishya* tradition that mandates veneration of and obedience to the teacher. This may amplify the already skewed power dynamic in favour of the teacher. Further, the teachers are influential artists in their own rights at the institution. With great power comes the great potential for abuse of that power. At Kalakshetra, this dynamic is also imbued with a quasi-familial colour (teachers are referred to as *akkas* or *annas*—elder siblings), which could contribute to the blurring of boundaries while further enmeshing students in obedience and compliance. While the institution's supporters argue that this is the traditional way in which arts have been taught, the reality is that Kalakshetra is a Central government entity that must comply with the rules and regulations governing other institutions of learning.

The Madras High Court on Wednesday told the institution to frame an appropriate policy on harassment and reconstitute the ICC, including parents and teachers. The police probe, too, continues. The institution and its well-wishers must embrace this opportunity to examine its culture with fresh eyes and build one that is safe, open and egalitarian, keeping with the aspirations of its students.

WATER METRO BANKS ON SUSTAINABLE PLANNING

When three sophisticated air-conditioned boats set sail on the Kochi backwaters to connect the mainland to Vypin island on Wednesday, the port city became India's first to have a water metro service. The project, executed by Kochi Metro Rail Ltd (KMRL), is the first step to usher in an integrated transport system in Kerala, connecting Metro Rail and Water Metro. Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially inaugurated the service on Tuesday.

The Water Metro is expected to drastically reduce travel time from one part of the city to another. Once fully operational by 2035, the service will connect 10 islands that make up Kochi, through 15 identified routes spanning 78 km, with a fleet of 78 electrically propelled hybrid ferries plying to and from 38 jetties. The Kerala government fully owns the ₹819 crore project, and a major portion of the funding is through a loan of 83 million euros (₹579.3 crore) from a German agency called KfW. The state government will provide ₹102 crore for the prestigious project, and the remaining is being mobilised through public-private participation.

The showpiece project, however, has not been without hiccups. It was conceived in 2014 and was initially expected to commence commercial operations four years later. However, a combination of factors, including the outbreak of the pandemic and the delay in getting the boats, pushed the launch back by five years, escalating the project cost from the initial ₹747 crore. There is some criticism about the high fares too. The minimum fare of ₹20 looks expensive given that most islanders—the target daily commuters—are daily wagers and fisherfolk. The question is when cheaper options are available—the fare charged by the Kerala government's water transport service's ferry boats to Vypin is just ₹6—how will Water Metro be sustainable in the long run?

The Metro authorities, however, are focusing equally on the tourist segment. They expect Water Metro to become popular with tourists as the ride offers breathtaking views of Kochi's islands and backwaters and opens immense possibilities that can be tapped. But for that, there should be greater connectivity between the islands and also more boats. The Water Metro, if planned and executed with a vision, can bring a big difference to the city's public transport sector and its tourism potential.

QUICK TAKE

VOICE OF REASON

The Supreme Court disapproves of a Kolkata HC judge's media interview on a pending case. This may relate to a sub-judice matter but is a peg to look at the current status of judiciary-media communication. It sparked a debate in 2018 when four SC judges met the media on organisational issues. Today, the press gets to report even judges' oral observations in the 'public interest', while judges get troled on social media without rebuttal rights. Like in the West, it's time to find ethical ways of regularly acquainting the public with insights into judicial thought for a fairer appreciation of judicial responsibilities.

The social media age craves competition, comparison and instant verdicts on trends within and between societies. It generates rankings of countries on various parameters, reinforcing old stereotypes or creating new ones. Among these are a Democracy Index and a recently launched Atlas of Impunity.

The Democracy Index, annually published by the UK-based Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), records the progression (or regression) of global democracy over the years. The index ranks countries in five categories: electoral processes, government functioning, political participation, political culture and civil liberties. Based on these scores, a country is classified as a "full democracy", "flawed democracy", "hybrid regime" or "authoritarian regime".

According to the 2022 Index, only about 8% of the world's population reside in a "full democracy". More than a third live under "authoritarian regimes". Interestingly, the Index "demoted" the United States from a "full democracy" to a "flawed democracy" in 2016, which is where it stayed in 2022. India has been a "flawed democracy" in the Index from its inception in 2006.

The EIU notes a stagnation in the world democracy scene in 2022, with a hint of moves towards "illiberal" democracy, with the election of right-wing parties to power in Italy and Sweden. It notes the weakness of democratic institutions and political culture in some Central European and Baltic countries. Such assessments raise hackles in these countries. Poland, for example, has an ongoing tussle with the European Union about its proposed judicial reforms, which the EU deems inconsistent with its democratic values. Poland's argument for national sovereignty in such matters finds resonance in other countries. The judiciary-executive-legislature balance varies across democracies. Poland argues that its proposed reforms are being opposed, not so much for their content as for their presumed intent.

In February this year, former British Foreign Secretary David Miliband unveiled an Atlas of Impunity. Arguing that the narrow lens of democracy versus autocracy does not capture the complex nature of global challenges, the Atlas presents an analytical framework of impunity versus accountability, covering governance in the political, socioeconomic and environmental spheres. It defines impunity as the exercise of power without accountability, when the powerful think that "the law is for suckers".

Impunity is measured in five dimensions: unaccountable governance, conflict and violence, abuse of human rights,

Sanctions do not have a place in international law, except with UN approval. But they have become commonplace weapons in the diplomatic armoury of countries

OF DEMOCRACY, IMPUNITY AND AUTOOCRACY

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economic exploitation, and environmental degradation.

The Atlas makes the unsurprising point that most countries exhibiting the highest levels of impunity are in Asia and Africa, grappling with internal conflict and economic deprivation, exacerbated by the geopolitical interests of foreign powers. Equally unsurprisingly considering the origin of the study, most of the "liberal" democracies of Western Europe are declared to exercise the lowest levels of impunity.

The impunity rankings are in reverse order—the "best" country (Finland) is ranked 163. India's rank of 46 means it is among countries exhibiting the highest impunity. The main contributor to this abysmal rank is the low score for conflict and violence: seventh worst in this category, purportedly because of the prevailing level of violence against its own citizens. This

ranks below chronically conflict-ridden countries of the world, including Myanmar, Pakistan, Sudan and Ethiopia! The score for human rights is poor as well: worse than that of many African, Central Asian and West Asian countries, which are classified as autocracies in the Democracy Index. And then, there is environmental degradation. India, China, Russia and the US are among the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters, but India has the lowest per capita emission among them. Yet, India is ranked 20 in this category well below the other three.

The Atlas claims to use "universal, independent, and credible datasets". If this is taken at face value and the obvious suspicion of bias is put aside, the analysis demands scrutiny.

It has been pointed out that a higher level of impunity is attributable to major global

A MUST-HAVE FOR INDIA: HORIZONTAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY

SANTOSH MEHROTRA

Editor of *Planning in the 20th Century & Beyond: India's Planning Commission and the NITI Aayog* (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

doing business and attracting FDI. The actual results in the last eight years have been the falling share of manufacturing in GDP as well as of manufacturing employment in total employment.

The only other initiative in manufacturing has been PLI, which has many issues. First, it is based on a conceptually flawed approach to industrial policy of picking winning firms (rather than sectors). This is the opposite of the successful approach adopted in East Asia, which did not select winning firms but adopted a combination of a horizontal, cross-sectoral industrial policy and a focus on some key sectors.



India is in desperate need of more industrial jobs of good quality. Hardly any jobs will result from PLI, except for a few thousand highly skilled ones

The second problem with PLI is the choice of sectors. Eleven of 14 sectors selected to receive financial subsidies are capital-intensive. India is in desperate need of more industrial jobs of good quality; hardly any jobs will result from PLI, except for a few thousand highly skilled ones. The country is desperate for more low and semi-skilled jobs where people can be employed in more labour-intensive sectors.

Third, giving the bureaucracy a role in picking winners harks back to Licence Raj; we know how well that went. It encouraged rent-seeking on a grand scale.

Fourth, there is a significant fiscal cost

of PLI: ₹1.5 trillion over five years (between 2021–22 and 2024–25); this is when the fiscal deficit is at a historic high, and the debt to GDP ratio has increased in the Covid years from 60% to 85%. Besides, funds are needed for human capital (technical and vocational education, higher education, R&D), apart from an investment in hard infrastructure.

Fifth, there is a risk: on the completion of five years of subsidy, the beneficiary industries will demand an extension of benefits beyond five years, a demand that the Indian industry was used to making during the Licence Raj. A sunset clause is needed.

Finally, in PLI, there is no expectation that winning firms are expected to export when expanding capacity, an essential prerequisite in East Asia.

By contrast, in India, the labour-intensive manufacturing sectors like food processing, tobacco, textiles, apparel, leather, wood and furniture have declined since 2012. The tobacco and textiles sub-sectors within manufacturing have seen a fall in their share of total manufacturing employment in India (though total jobs grew slightly).

Nearly every successful economic growth take-off in post-war history in East Asia was associated with rapid expansion in apparel exports in the early stages. The ratio of jobs to investment is as follows: in apparel, 31.1, in autos only 2.6, and steel, 1.0 (based on the Annual Survey of Industries, 2013–14). India could take a part of the market share that China is losing in international markets due to rising Chinese wages. But India is losing to Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, and Ethiopia.

However, the government is focused exclusively on selecting winning firms in certain sectors through the Performance Linked Incentive Scheme. This has added to some exports of mobiles. But that does not amount to a broad industrial policy just as Make in India has, far from increasing manufacturing contribution to GDP or employment, only managed to reduce it.

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Serious allegations

Apropos of *Allegations by female wrestlers serious*, says SC (Apr 26). It's extremely serious in view of the fact that their grievances are still not being addressed despite two committees having been formed. The accused is a BJP MP with a strong backing from the Centre. Obviously, they had no other choice but to approach the SC for redressal. **K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam**

Indian history

Apropos of *Decoding ancient Indian history* (Apr 26). Nanditha Krishna has dispelled the false notion prevailing among Indian intellectuals that India has no history beyond what the British wrote, quoting from Vedic and Sangam literature and Greek authors. There is a need to rewrite history in the interests of the younger generation. **G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi**

Utmost happiness

Apropos of *Missing: The ministry of utmost happiness* (Apr 25). The writer has talked about his days in Copenhagen: "The absence of material anxiety, the assured feeling that the system is fair and whose real purpose of existence is to take care of the citizens..." The way the moral is put forth is outstanding. I believe every person who is in power or aspires to be should read this piece. **M Roshan, email**

Being kind

Apropos of *Be nice, you never know who could do you in* (Apr 24). I am fond of reading *Panchatantra* stories as these are relevant in today's times as well. However, I have one doubt: is it time to be nice to everyone? The author should keep writing such inspirational stories from our rich and vast heritage. **K Saxena, email**

Badal patriarch

One of the great statesmen of the country, Parkash Singh Badal, has passed away. (*SAD patriarch & 5-time Punjab CM passes away at 95* - Apr 26). Singh was always a guardian and saviour serving the interests of the farmers. Although he mostly confined himself to Punjab politics, he never missed reacting to developments at the national level. **R Sampath, Chennai**

CJI's views

Regarding the CJI's statements on same-sex marriage, it is clear that he is respecting the feelings of the individuals. It is a fundamental right to choose one's way of life. It must not be denied in the name of culture. **Madhan Ram, email**



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MK Stalin @mkstalin
The Indian government's efforts to bring the stranded Indians home safely from Sudan are promising.



Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The fight of the socialists is huge... we have to fight with BJP's agenda of hatred, we have to fight with the government-administration nexus...



Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Awaiting report of @SEBI India to SC Committee. Probably @dir_ed & @IncomeTaxIndia & other agencies will need directions from SC to take action.

Centre defends jail term for triple talaq in SC

Says ruling has not worked as a deterrent and divorces by way of 'talaq-e-biddat' continues

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

JUSTIFYING the three-year jail term for Muslim husbands committing the crime of triple talaq, the Central government has informed the Supreme Court that there have been reports of divorce by way of triple talaq from different parts of the country despite the top court setting aside the practice of triple talaq in the Shayra Bano case of 2017 and the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board giving an assurance.

It also said that the ruling has not worked as a "deterrent" factor. The Muslim (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 has introduced a provision of three-year jail term for Muslim husbands committing the crime of triple talaq.

Defending the implementation, the Centre said the need to introduce the Act was felt since the number of divorces has not been brought down.

It also said that state action was required to not only giving effect to the court's 2017 ruling, but also to redress the grievances of victims of illegal divorce and to enable police to take action against errant husband.

"In spite of the SC's triple talaq judgment and the submissions made by the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board in their counter affidavit filed before this court in the Shayra Bano case, inter alia, stating that they would prescribe guidelines to be followed in matters of divorce, emphasising that talaq-e-biddat be avoided by Muslim husbands, there have been reports from various parts of the country that the Muslim husbands have been resorting to divorce by the way of 'talaq-e-biddat'.

Plea against Faizal's LS membership

A plea has been moved in the SC challenging the restoration of Lakshadweep MP Mohammed Faizal Khan's Lok Sabha membership. Faizal's membership was restored last month pursuant to Kerala HC staying his conviction in an attempt to murder case. Moved by advocate Ashok Pandey, the plea contends that once a member of Parliament or of a state legislature loses his office by operation of law he will continue to be disqualified till he is acquitted by higher court.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

UP govt files caveat in plea on Atiq murder case

The UP government has filed caveat in a plea filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari seeking constitution of an independent expert panel under the chairmanship of former SC judge to inquire into police custody murder of gangster Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf. State has filed a caveat to ensure that no adverse order is passed against it without being heard. The plea has sought an inquiry into the 183 encounters that occurred since 2017.

No parole for killer of ex-Diwan's granddaughter

The Supreme Court has refused to entertain the parole application of 82-year-old murder convict Murali Manohar Mishra, aka Swami Shradhdhanand, sentenced to life for the murder of his wife Shakereh Khaleeli, granddaughter of former Diwan of Mysore. A three-judge bench allowed Shradhdhanand, who has been in jail for the past 30 years, to withdraw the plea with liberty to move the appropriate forum for other remedies, if any.

ing that talaq-e-biddat be avoided by Muslim husbands, there have been reports from various parts of the country that the Muslim husbands have been resorting to divorce by the way of 'talaq-e-biddat'.

It was also reported in various news channels and dailies that even educated persons were resorting to divorce their wives by adopting instantaneous and irrevocable tala (talaq-e-biddat), "an affidavit filed by the Ministry

of Law and Justice stated.

It was further said: "In the absence of any punitive provisions in the extant laws, the police were helpless and no action could be taken against the errant husbands. In view of these, in order to protect the rights of married Muslim women who were being divorced by triple talaq, an Ordinance, namely, the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on September 14, 2019 and passed by the Lok Sabha on September 25, 2019.

Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2018 under article 123 of the Constitution was promulgated by the President on the 19th September, 2018 and was later enacted as the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 so as to ensure the larger constitutional goals of gender justice and gender equality of a married Muslim women and also to help subserve their fundamental rights of non-discrimination and empowerment guaranteed under the Constitution."

The response has been filed in the batch of pleas seeking to declare the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 as unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14, 15, 21 and 25.



Shinde to complete full term as CM: Fadnavis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

RESPONDING to speculation on a possible change of guard in Maharashtra, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis categorically said that Eknath Shinde will remain chief minister until the government completes its term.



Maharashtra DyCM Devendra Fadnavis addresses media in Vijayapura

"Let me make it very clear that Eknath Shinde will remain CM until the next assembly election, and later we will fight the polls under his leadership in Maharashtra and win," he announced. Addressing the media before heading to Baleshwar assembly constituency to campaign for the BJP candidate in Vijayapura on Wednesday, he said that whatever is being said about a possible change of guard in Maharashtra is only a media creation. Asked why the Maharashtra government often rakes up the boundary issue, though the Mahajan Commission has declared that Belagavi should remain part of Karnataka, Fadnavis refused to reply, stating that the matter is before the Apex Court.

On allegations of the Maharashtra government implementing its health guarantee scheme in 865 border villages of Karnataka to stake its claim on them, he said the BJP government has not issued any new order. "We have made it clear that the order related to implementing the health scheme was done during the previous Congress government, and not by our government. We have also shown relevant documents," he said.

Earlier, he defended the Bommai government's decision to scrap 4 per cent reservation given to Muslims. He said that since the Constitution does not allow reservation on the basis of religion, the BJP government had removed it to correct the mistake committed by the Congress.

"The SC has struck down efforts of any state government which tried to give reservation to Muslims," he said.

MP wheat procurement low

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

IN light of stagnant wheat procurement in Madhya Pradesh, the government may revise its wheat procurement target to 280 lakh tonnes (LT), down from the proposed target of 341 LT. Local traders in Madhya Pradesh have created confusion among farmers, discouraging them from selling their wheat at Food Corporation of India (FCI) procurement centres due to multiple slabs of crop damage caused by unseasonal rains in March. This has resulted in reduced wheat availability at procurement centres and may affect overall procurement in near future. However, till now the overall procurement has increased over 160LT in comparison to last week procurement.

Punjab remained a major contributor to wheat procurement, followed by Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. Last year, FCI missed its procurement target by 60 per cent, making this year's procurement critical for the country's food security. FCI officials have expressed concern over traders in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan suppressing wheat flow, and the matter has been forwarded to a group of ministers for immediate decision-making. To prevent farmers from distress selling their

Uptake during April 20-26 (in lakh tonne)			
State	Estimated procurement target	Procurement 2023-24 (April 20)	Procurement 2022-23 (April 26)
Punjab	132	46.7	65.5 LT
Haryana	75	42.1	58.5
MP	80	34	34

Market price in MP: ₹2082 - 2170/ quintal
Minimum Support Price

Current government target

Possible revised target

₹2125 341 LT 280 LT

damaged crops due to weather-related issues, the Union government had relaxed quality norms for wheat procurement in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh. However, the multiple slabs of relaxed norms have created confusion among farmers, leading to traders taking advantage and diverting wheat to the market instead of selling it to FCI.

FCI officials have requested the consolidation of the slabs to remove confusion and streamline procurement. Farmers in Madhya Pradesh are also facing payment issues at procurement centres, which take around a week to pay them. This has led to delays and reluctance among farmers to sell their wheat.

Traders have also pointed out that big buyers in the private sector are aggressively buying wheat from Madhya Pradesh, driving up wholesale prices in local markets. Additionally, farmers in Madhya Pradesh are currently occupied with Green Gram sowing and festivals like Akshay Tritiya and Eid, which have slowed down the wheat flow. "Due to multiple slabs, local traders beguiled the farmers to sell their produce to market," says the official. "A note has been sent to the Group of Ministers to take a call on it to make one slab to remove confusion," he adds.

Kin of Navy veterans may be allowed to attend Doha hearing

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

SOME of the family members of the eight naval veterans, who are under the captivity of authorities in Qatar, have been permitted to visit Doha. This visit is being facilitated by Dahra Consultancies, the firm the officers were working for.

"This is being viewed as a goodwill gesture by Dahra as they have provided for the air travel and accommodation and have ensured that the visit is seamless. Dahra has already offered the officers a severance package and would be shutting down all operations in Doha on May 31," a source said. After this visit one can't say when and whether another visit of the family members would be facilitated. The second hearing for the case (after the eight were charge sheeted) is on May 3.

"It is possible that these family members will be allowed to attend the hearing. It is likely that they would be informed about the charges that have been levelled against them. Some sources have been pointing out that some charges are common for the eight naval veterans and also the CEO of Dahra Global (Khamis al-Ajmi) and Major General Tariq Khalid Al Obaidly (former head international military in



Doha) (both of them are out on bail)," a source said.

Meanwhile, Deepak Mital, the ambassador of India in Doha, has returned to India. The new ambassador hasn't taken charge yet.

The Indian government has been regularly following up with the authorities in Qatar to enable these eight veterans to be repatriated to India.

"The first hearing of the case was on March 29 and the second hearing is on the May 3. The charges have not been shared so far. We attach high priority to this case and we would like to see early repatriation of our nationals," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

PM to attend Quad meet in Australia on May 24

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Sydney on May 24 to attend the Quad Leaders Summit. The PM will join US President Joe Biden and his counterparts from Australia and Japan at the summit that is expected to focus on implications of the Ukraine conflict and the overall situation in the Indo-Pacific.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese earlier on Wednesday announced that they would be hosting the next Quad Leaders Summit in Sydney. This will be the first Quad Summit in Australia and the third in-person Summit. "This will be an opportunity for Australia to help shape the region we all want to live in," said PM Albanese. "Thank you PM Albanese for hosting the Quad Summit in Sydney that will bolster our efforts to ensure a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. I look forward to my visit and discussions on strengthening Quad collaboration across domains to advance our positive agenda," said Modi.

Before travelling to Australia, the PM is likely to visit the Japanese city of Hiroshima to

Quad partners crucial for Indo-Pacific

This year Quad partners are playing a strong leadership role in the Indo-Pacific through hosting the G20 (India), G7 (Japan), and APEC (US). "Quad partners are deeply invested in the success of the Indo-Pacific. Leveraging our collective strengths helps Australia advance its interests and more effectively respond to the region's needs. We are always better off when we act together with our close friends and partners," PM Albanese said.

attend the annual summit of the Group of Seven advanced economies which is scheduled to take place from May 19 to 21. During his visit to India last month, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had invited Modi for the G7 summit.

"The hosting of the Quad Leaders Summit will be in Sydney Opera House – Australia's most recognisable building. It will be an opportunity to work in coordination with the US, India and Japan. It will be an enormous opportunity to showcase this beautiful city to the entire world," PM Albanese added.

FIRST BATCH OF SUDAN EVACUEES LANDS IN DELHI

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AN Indian Air Force C-130J aircraft from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia carrying 360 Indians evacuated from Sudan landed in New Delhi on Wednesday night and another aircraft with 250 on board is expected to reach soon.

As many as 534 Indians have been evacuated from the violence-hit country as of Wednesday night.

"Happy to see off 360 Indians at Jeddah Airport in a flight bound for New Delhi. They will be reaching the motherland soon, reuniting with their families," Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan had tweeted along with a video of evacuees inside the aircraft.

The Ministry of External Affairs said another 250 Indians are expected to board another evacuation aircraft from Jeddah to New Delhi on Wednesday night. Yet another batch of 300 evacuees are likely to reach Jeddah by Thursday morning. Some of the rescued Indian

nationals shared their struggle to find food and stay safe as the war broke out.

"The fighting was intense and we were struggling to find food. There was a tent of Rapid Support Forces (RSF) near our company. We were looted and held hostage for eight hours. Our mobiles were taken away and they even pointed rifles at us," said one of the evacuees.

India is in a race against time to evacuate as many of its citizens as possible before the

US-brokered 72-hour ceasefire ends. Nearly 3,000 Indians were in Sudan at the start of the conflict on April 15. Evacuations have taken place from Port Sudan, which is located 835 km south of Khartoum. It takes at least 12 hours to reach Port Sudan from the capital city by road.

Sources said India is focussing on moving its nationals from conflict zones to safer areas before transporting them to Port Sudan.



Indian nationals evacuated from violence-hit Sudan under Operation Kaveri upon their arrival at IGI Airport in New Delhi on Wednesday night | SHEKHAR YADAV

Bournvita asked to withdraw 'misleading ads'

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on Wednesday asked India makers of Bournvita to withdraw all "misleading" advertisements, packaging and labels, after a viral video claimed that the health drink, consumed mostly by children, has high sugar content.

In a notice to Mondelez International, India, the makers of Bournvita, NCPCR chairperson Priyanka Kanoongo asked them to send a detailed explanation or report to apprise the panel of the matter, within seven days.

Kanoongo said that they have also written to the chief executive of the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) and the chief commissioner, the Central Consumer Protection Authority, to take necessary action in this matter. The notice came following a huge controversy after a social media influencer posted a video alleging that Bournvita has high sugar content and could



lead to diabetes among children. Though the influencer, Revant Himatsingka, deleted the video from all platforms after being served a legal notice by Mondelez India, it had over 12 million views and was widely circulated, sparking a fierce debate on consuming high-sugar content products.

Several nutritional experts came in support of the social media influencer, calling out the brand and demanding that such advertisements should be banned for unhealthy food

'All ingredients have regulatory approvals'

"We would again like to reinforce that the formulation has been scientifically crafted by a team of nutritionists and food scientists. All our claims are verified and transparent and all ingredients have regulatory approvals. All the necessary nutritional information is mentioned on the pack for consumers to make informed choices," a Bournvita spokesperson had said.

products, as it is increasing consumption of ultra-processed foods which is driving a surge in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and chronic lung disease.

In the notice to Deepak Iyer, President, India, Mondelez International, the NCPCR chief said it has received a complaint alleging that Bournvita promotes itself as a health drink improving children's growth and development but it contains a high percentage of sugar and other substances that

might impact a child's health.

"The commission in this regard observes that the product manufactured by your company is misleading the customers through its product packaging and advertisements. The Commission observes that your product's labelling, packaging, display, and advertisement claims are misleading for the general public," the notice said. The product's labelling and packaging also fail to acknowledge the correct information regarding the contents used in the Bournvita health drink, it said. It asked the health drink company to review and withdraw all "misleading advertisements, packaging and labels, and further send a detailed explanation/report to apprise the commission in the said matter within seven days."

Earlier, the company had said that over the last seven decades, it has "earned the trust of consumers in India by being a scientifically formulated product that adheres to quality standards and complies with the laws of the land".

Summer connection to Maoist ambush in C'garh

Naxals tend to step up their offensive against security forces from mid-March to June-end when visibility in the forested terrain improves

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Dantewada ambush on Wednesday is apparently seen as the Maoists' response against breaking their safe zone axis. When the left-wing extremists are on the back foot, as more and more areas with their strong presence are being occupied by the security forces, they look for soft targets and change their strategy to counter the onslaught faced.

The banned outfit CPI (Maoist) chose the onset of summer to begin their annual Tactical Counter Offensive Campaign (TCOC) which begins around mid-March and continues till June. In summer, the visibility in the forested terrain improves and the TCOC winds up before the onset of monsoon when the Bastar forest gets thick.

It is during the TCOC, the Maoists increase their military activity, infuse confidence among cadres, increase recruitment drive, conduct more meetings in villages, lay improvised IED or landmines and strategically plan their next course of action.

In such backgrounds, the guerrilla warfare experts said a good leadership on the front-

line can only ensure the forces follow the proper SOPs with no rules violated and to strike the enemy at its weak point.

In the Dantewada ambush, was it the lack of leadership to pursue the assigned responsibility that led to tragic consequences in the edgy region of the virtual war-zone where the security forces returning from the planned operations got trapped in ambush? In the strife-torn areas, it is known while returning from the operation there are chances of an invisible network of Maoists following the movement of the troopers.

"All key anti-Maoist should always be officer-led action. And whenever you let your guards down the Maoists take the opportunity to hit the soft target, like it happened in Dantewada. The return journey after any operation is very crucial and sensitive when the troopers go back to their base camp or headquarters. There are specified SOPs that should never be undermined under any circumstances," said Brigadier (Retd) B K Ponwar, director of the jungle warfare and counter-terrorism training college in Kanker.

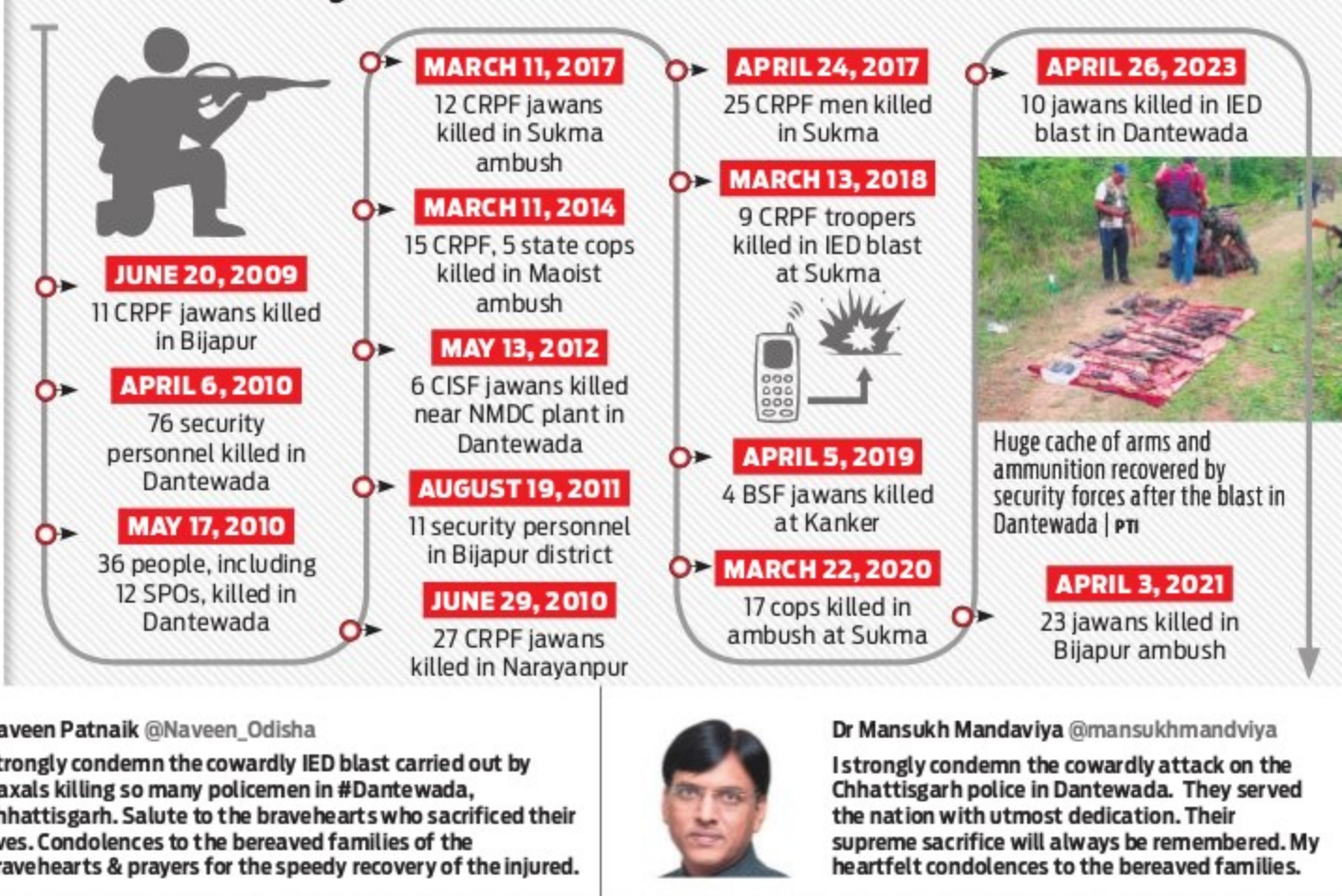


Rahul Gandhi
@RahulGandhi
The news of the martyrdom of 10 DRG jawans and a driver in the cowardly Naxalite attack in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada is sad. I express my deepest condolences to their bereaved families in this difficult time. My salute and tribute to all the brave martyrs.



Naveen Patnaik @Naveen_Odisha
Strongly condemn the cowardly IED blast carried out by Naxals killing so many policemen in #Dantewada, Chhattisgarh. Salute to the bravehearts who sacrificed their lives. Condolences to the bereaved families of the bravehearts & prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Major Naxal attacks in Bastar



Dr Mansukh Mandaviya @mansukhmandaviya
I strongly condemn the cowardly attack on the Chhattisgarh police in Dantewada. They served the nation with utmost dedication. Their supreme sacrifice will always be remembered. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



'Parliament right forum to decide same-sex marriage'

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

TERMINING the issue of granting legal recognition to same sex marriage "very complex" having "profound social impact", the Centre on Wednesday told the five-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court that the issue should be left for Parliament to decide since it is the appropriate forum to conceive several situations which would arise from recognising the same "legally".

"Policy throughout all legislations including Special Marriage Act & Hindu Marriage Act is recognition of marriage as socio-legal institution between heterosexual couples. Variety of shades to be dealt with, variety of problems to be encountered and variety of personal law intermingling. The only solution is to wait for the Parliament to do that," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted before the bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud.

Underlining the real question before the court, which is "who would take a call on what constitutes a valid marriage and between whom", Mehta said Parliament was aware of the concept of gays and lesbians even while Special Marriage Act was promulgated in 1954 but there was a "conscious omission" to not recognise same-sex marriages.

40-yr-old carrying pistol enters school, Didi smells 'conspiracy'

PRANAB MANDAL @ Kolkata

A 40-year-old man in his 40s, brandishing a pistol, stormed into a high school in Malda on Wednesday morning and entered a classroom with the intention to take students hostage, which chief minister Mamata Banerjee described as a conspiracy hatched in Delhi.

The man, identified as Dev Ballav, also placed a petrol bomb and a container full of acid on the table of the classroom.

Upon hearing the news, police personnel surrounded the school and an officer of deputy superintendent of police rank pounced on Ballav and pinned him down. A search detected another pistol tucked in his waist.

Preliminary investigation revealed the man's wife is a BJP member of a Trinamool Congress dominated panchayat. Police are probing whether the man's wife had any dispute with the ruling party or the couple had any conjugal issue which might have led to the incident.

The incident took place around 11.30 am when the classes were going on as usual in Muchia Chandramohan High School in Old Malda area.

"Ballav, with a bag on his shoulder, entered the school unnoticed. He went straight to a classroom on the ground-floor and brandished a firearm. He threatened the teacher to stop teaching. Ballav then placed the petrol-bomb and the acid container on the table," said a police officer.

Ballav took out a piece of paper and started reading out how his complaints to higher authorities of the administra-



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tion fell on deaf ears.

The police swung into action as soon as they got an intel. Personnel from the local police station rushed to the spot.

"I went close to the door of the classroom. I saw the frightened, pale faces of the students. I got married recently and I do not have a child. But I could not resist myself and pounced on the man and forced him to lie on the floor. Soon, other policemen came to help me," said DSP Mohammad Azharuddin.

Ballav was arrested and booked under Arms Act.

Reacting to the incident West CM said conspiracies are being hatched in Bengal.

"Conspiracies are being hatched from Delhi. I don't know who is behind it. I urge people to be very careful about it," she said. The police said Ballav, during the course of interrogation, said his wife had left him with her son and he complained to different departments of the state administration.

Guj HC judge recuses herself from hearing Rahul's plea

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

GUJARAT High Court justice Gita Gopi on Wednesday recused herself from hearing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's petition seeking a stay on his conviction in the 'Modi surname' criminal defamation case.

"Not before me," the judge said when the plea was mentioned before her. Pankaj Champaneri, the attorney for Rahul, told this daily: "We have mentioned the case before high-court justice Gita Gopi, seeking an urgent hearing."

He added that the motion was challenged by the assistant government pleader (AGP), who argued that the matter should be allowed for urgent circulation but not hearing. "We objected, arguing that the state had no involvement because it was a private issue."

Judge Gopi withdrew from the case after a brief hearing and ordered the court registry to refer the case back to the chief justice for a new bench to be assigned. She wrote, "Not before this court," withdrawing her right to preside over the proceeding. "Now, the court order will be returned to the register department, and the chief justice will decide in which court the case will be heard," Champaneri said.

Legal tangle over 'dead man' as kin, cops trade charges in UP town

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a curious case, a person was booked by the police for a crime which his father says he never committed as he had allegedly died some 17 years ago in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh even as the district police disputed it as a false claim.

The case pertains to a person named Kasim, son of Idris, former pradhan of village Chatela under Kadaura police station in Jalaun. Kasim and his father Idris had enmity with the family of one Ram Singh of the same village.

'Produced fake papers about death'

SP Jalaun, Iraj Raja maintained that Idris was a criminal and a 'history sheeter' himself who had misguiding the court through fake documents about the death of his son. He claimed that Idris had produced documents pertaining to the death of another son named Chunnun Babu

Idris claims that Kasim had died on December 15, 2003.

As per sources, Ram Singh lodged a complaint against Idris and his 'dead son' under the SC/ST Act on July 13, 2020. The

case was handed over to the then Circle Officer (CO) Rajeev Pratap Singh, who was transferred during the investigation and another IO took over.

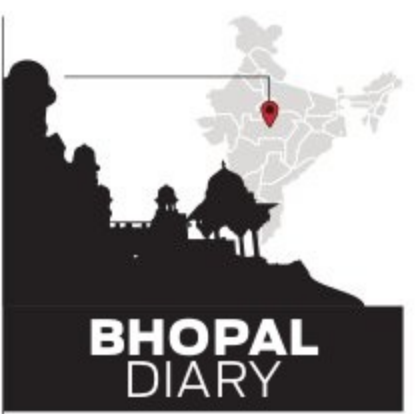
The counsel who represented Kasim and his father Idris in court claimed that the police had, without bothering to check the facts, filed a chargesheet against Kasim in the court of CJM, Jalaun, who ordered the local police to lodge an FIR against seven persons including the two IOs and five others.

According to Idris' lawyer, CJM Mahendrar Kumar Rawat took cognizance of the affidavit submitted by Idris during a hearing held on April 3.

He directed the local police to lodge an FIR not only against the errant cops but also against Ram Singh and his family members. Churki police station Incharge, Shashi Bhushan would investigate the matter.

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BJP's first-time Brahmin MLA alleges threat to life

While CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently made a slew of announcements eyeing the Brahmin voters, a first time Brahmin MLA of BJP has alleged threat to life from a nexus of politicians, illegal builders and government employees in native Vidisha district. The Sironj MLA Umakant Sharma (brother of Vyapam scam accused ex-minister Late Laxmikant Sharma), who enjoys an unprecedented three armed police guards security, also alleged that his security concerns were being ignored despite having been conveyed from district to state level. Party insiders, however, believe that he is raising the issue to stay in public limelight.



No recommendations on Cong's ticket distribution

No pressures and recommendations, only local party leadership will have a say in the decisions of Congress tickets in the year end assembly polls. State party chief Kamal Nath has made it clear that while the internal surveys of the party will give indications about possible candidates and party's prospects on various seat, the tickets will be decided in consultation with party's local rank and file. "No pressures and recommendations from anyone will have any bearing on decision of party tickets," Nath said.

Third front already making big poll promises

While a third front in the largely two-party politics of the state remains to be formalised, two constituents of the possible third force, Samajwadi Party and the Azad Samaj Party (political wing of Bhim Army) are already making big promises. While the SP chief and ex-UP CM Akhilesh Yadav promised '6,000 monthly financial support to women if voted to power in MP, the Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad Ravan promised on Tuesday '10,000 monthly income jobs to women in the central Indian state. Multiple parties, including SP, Gondwana Gantantra Party, Azad Samaj Party and tribal outfit JAYS are working towards forming a third front.

No jailbreak in Assam prison's 164-yr-old history

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

DIBRUGARH Central Jail has a unique record. There has not been even a single incident of jailbreak in this 164-year-old prison in Assam.

The location of this high-security prison, now hogging headlines for lodging radical preacher Amritpal Singh of Punjab and nine of his aides, is also distinctive. Mighty Brahmaputra acts as a natural moat on one side, and a police reserve in the vicinity as a barrier. Dibrugarh is at the end of Northeast.

There is only one route - a road - to escape to mainland.

For its 'scary' record of jailbreak, the prison invokes fear among inmates. Another factor that frightens them is the stories about a jailor called Debeswar Neog. In the mid-1970s, even at the thought of facing Neog, who is called the strictest ever jailor at this prison.

"One jailor that the people of Dibrugarh talk about to this day is Debeswar Neog. He served here from 1974-77," Dibrugarh MLA Prasanta Phukan told this newspaper sharing the anecdote.

"He was very strict and the



Dibrugarh Central Jail is spread over 15.54 acres of land. Far east and south of the prison lies Arunachal Pradesh | EXPRESS

Assam's second oldest prison

The Dibrugarh jail is Assam's second oldest prison after the Tezpur Central Jail. It is well equipped to manage inmates, can house 680 prisoners. Currently, some 450 are lodged. It has special infrastructure to house people arrested under the National Security Act.

prisoners shuddered with fear at his sight," the BJP leader, born and brought up in this upper Assam town, added.

The jail was established in 1859-60. Those days, the British gave a lot of importance to Dibrugarh among places in upper Assam. Phukan said one reason why the British pre-

ferred this town was that it had a river port.

He said the prisoners serving life-term grow organic vegetables within the jail compound. The jail still has some manufacturing units. The prisoners make soap, bamboo, cane stools, etc. Assam has six central jails. The authorities did not reveal

why they chose the one in tea and oil-rich Dibrugarh to house Amritpal and his aides.

When asked about it, Director General of Police G P Singh told this newspaper, "You would have asked this question for any jail that he (Amritpal) would have been kept in. Isn't it?" Phukan said a reason could be that it is a highly secured jail with all facilities. "The airport is only 15 km away. A road bisects the civil court and the jail. It is very easy to take prisoners to and from the court. Then, Dibrugarh is at the end of Northeast. There is only one route - a road - to escape to mainland. Possibly, these are reasons why they have been kept here," Phukan said.

The Dibrugarh jail is Assam's second oldest prison after the Tezpur Central Jail, which was established in 1846. The Dibrugarh prison is India's eastern most central Jail with its complex straddling over 15.54 acres of land. Far east and south of Dibrugarh lies Arunachal Pradesh. Myanmar and China are beyond Arunachal.

During the height of insurgency movement in Assam, several dreaded ULFA rebels were lodged here, but there was never an incident.

WHO warning on yet another cough syrup by Indian firm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE World Health Organization has issued yet another alert for a cough syrup made by an Indian manufacturer.

The syrup Guaifenesin, being sold in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia was found to contain "unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol" by the quality control labs of the Therapeutic Goods Administration of Australia.

These chemicals, which were also found in syrups that were allegedly linked to the deaths of 70 children in the Gambia and 18 in Uzbekistan, are toxic



to humans when consumed and could prove fatal.

The WHO in its 'Medical Product Alert' said the product is unsafe and its use, especially in children, may result in serious injury or death. The toxic effects can include abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, and acute kidney injury



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 Expression of interests (EOI) for two separate works of improvement in the coach toilet interiors & review of FIAT bogie design of LHB coaches

Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala is seeking qualified vendors for two separate works of improvement in the coach toilet interiors & review of FIAT bogie design of LHB coaches. EOI documents can be downloaded from following links: - **S.N.: 1; Name of work:** EOI for upgradation of FLAT bogie being used in LHB type coaches in Indian Railways; **Link:** <https://rcf.indianrailways.gov.in/uploads/Bogie%20EOI.pdf>; **S.N.: 2; Name of work:** EOI for Design Consultancy to completely redesign the Layout, Interior of Indian & Western Lavatory Module including outside Dustbin and Washbasin; **Link:** <https://rcf.indianrailways.gov.in/uploads/Lavatory%20module.pdf>; Above are uploaded in Tender information section of RCF website (https://rcf.indianrailways.gov.in/view_section.jsp?lang=0&id=0,299,554) Kindly submit EOI before 15/05/2023.
 ***Nothing in the advertisement shall be construed to be a commitment on the part of RCF
Dy.CME/DP
NO. G-RCF/122/Misc./013/2023-24 Dated: 26.04.2023



KORAMANGALA 4th BLOCK BRANCH
 #987, Ground Floor, St Bed, 4th Block, Koramangala Bangalore-560034

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule-8(1)) (for immovable property)
 Whereas, as the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 17/02/2023 calling upon the borrower/s: (1) Mrs. KS Gunasheela, W/o Sri KV Goverdhan, (2) Mrs. Ramani Narayanappa W/o Mr KV Venkataswamy With our Koramangala 4th Block Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.76.48 lakh (in words Rupees Seventysix Lakh Fortyeight Thousand only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 21th day of April of the year 2023.
 We draw attention to the provision of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the rules framed there under which deals with the right of redemption over the securities by the borrower. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs.76.48,000/-** and interest thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
 All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Flat No.202, Eegant Luzor Apartment, Ward No.92, Near Elementary Asstey, Residant, Harria Road, Jayamahal Village, Bangalore-560046, presently coming under BBMP Ward No. 92 measuring a super built up area of 1609 sq.ft along with 416.90 sq.ft of undivided share and one covered car parking. **Bounded by:** On East: Private Property, On West: Harria Road, On North: Private Property, On South: Private Property.
 Date: 21.04.2024
 Place: Koramangala 4th Block
Sd/- Authorized Officer Indian Bank



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, Karnataka (Bengaluru)
 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka.

DEMAND NOTICE
 NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
 RC/8355/2015 02/03/2023
 IDBI BANK LIMITED Versus M/S R.K. TRANSPORTS AND OTHERS
 (CH-1) THE IDBI BANK LIMITED, No. 102, Shakti Comfort Towers, K. H. Road, Bengaluru-560027
 ...APPLICANT BANK/CERTIFICATE HOLDER
 Versus
 To, (CO-1) M/s R.K. Transports, No.47, Padmanilaya, 3rd Cross, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040. **Represented By Its Partners (CO-2) Mr. K. Ramakrishna S/o. Sri. K. Gopalakrishnaiah, No. 47, Padmanilaya, 3rd Cross, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560 040 (CO-3) Mrs. Basava Madhavi W/o Mr. K. Ramakrishna, No. 47, Padmanilaya, 3rd Cross, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560 040. (CO-4) Mr. A. Shankar S/o Late Anjaneyappa, No. 189, Konara Kunte Cross, Yelachenahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore- 560 062.**
 ...Defendants/Certificate Debtors
 This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore (DRT-1) in OA/165/2013 an Amount of **Rs. 5,91,62,867/-** (Rupees Five Crore One Lakh Sixty Two Thousands Eight Hundred Sixty Seven only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 12 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 1.10/10/2012 till realization and costs of **Rs. 1,86,202.00/-** (One Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Two Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).
 2) You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
 3) You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
 4) You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **05.05.2023 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
 5) In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
 (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
 (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process and all other proceedings that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
 Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **02.03.2023**.
Sd/- SANJIV KUMAR Recovery Officer - 1, DRT-1, Bengaluru.



THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
 ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
 Divisional Office Building
 No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajaan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560004

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 11.05.2023, for recovery of of **Rs. 48,56,676.57/-** (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six and Fifty Seven Paise Only) due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from (1) Mrs. T. S. Ramya (Borrower), W/o. Mr. Chandra Kumar, Residing at: No.126, 11th Main Road, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 086; (2) Mr. M. Siddaraj (Co-Borrower), S/o. Mr.Rangashamaiah, Residing at No.488, 16th A Cross, Bagalagunte, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 073. The reserve price will be **Rs.59,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 5,90,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand only)
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
 All that part and parcel of Residential Vacant Site bearing No.21 situated on converted Site Sy No.46/3, Measuring East to West: 60-0 feet and North to South: 25-0 feet totally measuring 1500 Sq.ft, situated at Kengeri, Valagerehalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded by, **East by:** Road, **West by:** I.B Layout, **North by:** Remaining portion of Sy. No.48/3, **South by:** Remaining portion of Site No. 21.
 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/ForeclosuereIndia.com of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**
Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002
 The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.
 Date : 26.04.2023
 Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Chief Manager / Authorised Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited



AJMER VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
 Corporate Identification Number (CIN) – U40109RJ2000SGC016482
 Registered Office: Vidyutbhan, Panchsheel Nagar, Makrana Road, Ajmer-305004
 Office of The Superintending Engineer (Civil)
 Email: sech@avn.gov.in or [http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avnvl](mailto:info@energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avnvl)

No. AVVN/SL/CIVIL/AJM/FC, D: 145 Dated:- 24/04/2023
ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 02 (2023-24)
 केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के विभागों में "ए" व "एए" श्रेणी तथा अ.वि.वि.नि.ि. के उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत, अनुभवी तथा माल एवं सेवाकर विभाग से पंजीकृत निविदाकारों से अधिशासी अभियंता (सिविल/ सिविल-QC), अजमेर/ उदयपुर / सीकर / चित्तौड़गढ़ के अधीन सिविल कार्यों के लिए निविदाएं UBN No. AVV2324WSOB00053 to AVV2324WSOB00097 आमन्त्रित की जाती है।
 निविदा सम्बंधित समस्त विवरण वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> व <http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avnvl> पर उपलब्ध है।
 का.सं.सं.र/वी/23/1319
 अजीत कुमार अग्रवाल (सिविल)
 अधिशासी अभियंता



SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
 CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
1	Road ID 42 (KK Road)	2023_SCTLT_550795_2	Rs. 2,59,55,590	02/05/2023
2	Road ID 43 (Marakkada Road)	2023_SCTLT_550815_2	Rs. 2,29,11,634	02/05/2023
3	Road ID 178 (Vivekananda Nagar Lane)	2023_SCTLT_551354_2	Rs. 1,47,13,233	02/05/2023

 Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram
 Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website <https://tenders.kerala.gov.in>.
 (Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MEGA LIFT BHUBANESWAR
 Plot no. A- 8/2, Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, PIN-751022
 E-Mail: ceмпlw.od@gmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. 4ML /2023-24
A-67: The Chief Engineer, Megalift on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online tender through E-Procurement for the work as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.
ANNEXURE TO BID NOTICE

Name of the work	Appointment of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for implementation of Mega Lift projects in Cluster No.XXI
Cost of Tender Paper	Rs. 10,000/- + GST 18% (Non-Refundable)
EMD/Bid Security	Rs.7,09,635/-
Mode of payment of tender paper Cost & EMD	Online
Period of Completion:	38(Thirty-Six) Calendar months
Availability of Bid document for sale and receipt through on-line	From dt.27.04.2023, 10.00 AM, to dt.26.05.2023, up to 5.00 P.M.
Last date / time of receipt of bid in the portal	26.05.2023 (5.00PM)
Date of opening of Technical Proposal through online	On dt. 29.05.2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Megalift.
Class of Contractor	The bidder should be registered under the Companies Act, 1956
Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder	The Bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC).

 The detail tender call notice can also be seen in the DOWR web site <https://dowr.odisha.gov.in>
 Name & Address of the Off
 Chief Engineer, Megalift Plot No. A-8/2, Bhoi Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751022, Ph.No -0674-2567252, Email id: ceмпlw.od@gmail.com
 Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement market place. <https://tenders.odisha.gov.in>
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Megalift Bhubaneswar
 OIPR-32504/11/0005/2324



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, Karnataka (Bengaluru)
 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka.

DEMAND NOTICE
 NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
 RC/4758/2015 02/03/2023
 IDBI BANK LIMITED Versus M/s Samrat Ashoka Exports Ltd.
 (CH-1) IDBI BANK LIMITED, IDBI House, 58, Mission Road, Bengaluru – 560 027.
 ...APPLICANT BANK/CERTIFICATE HOLDER
 Versus
 To, (CO-1) M/s Samrat Ashoka Exports Ltd. Sivasakthi Building, 3rd Floor, K H Road, Bengaluru – 560 027. (CO-2) Sri. Praveen Chander Chugh, Director, M/S Samrat Ashoka Exports Ltd, No.778, Chugh Nivas, Sarakki, J P Nagar I Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078. (CO-3) Sri. Ashok Chugh, No.778, Chugh Nivas, Sarakki, J P Nagar I Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078. (CO-4) Smt. Shaleen Chugh, No.778, Chugh Nivas, J P Nagar I Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078. (CO-5) The Official Liquidator, High Court Of Karnataka, 4th Floor, D&F Wing, Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala Bengaluru – 560 034.
 ...Defendants/Certificate Debtors
 This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT Bengaluru (DRT-1) in OA/42/2001 an amount of **Rs. 3,65,52,331.00/-** (Rupees Three Crores Sixty Five Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 18% simple interest Yearly w.e.f. 26/12/2000 till realization and costs of **Rs. 1,86,005.00/-** (Rs. One Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).
 2) You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
 3) You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
 4) You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **05/05/2023 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
 5) In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
 (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
 (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Sd/- SANJIV KUMAR Recovery Officer - 1, DRT-1, Bengaluru.



THE CITIZEN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
 No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Setge, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010 Phone : 080 - 2332 1923, 2332 8735, 2352 0468
 E-MAIL: citizenb@rediffmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)
 Where as The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Citizen Co-op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
 The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.
 The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Citizen Co-op Bank Ltd., Rajajinagar, Bangalore,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.
 The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
 (1) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Mr. Chetan V S/o Venkatesh Murthy 2. Mr. Akash V S/o Venkatesh Murthy Both are residing at: No.3, 8th Main Road, 8th Cross, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 21,92,647/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 12.12.2022 and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 16.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 21.04.2023
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.4, Late No.3, Carved out Sy. No.30/6, of Shivanahalli Village, presently bearing 3/1, situated at 8th Cross, Shivanagar, within the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.107 (Shivanagar) with PID No.20-32-3/1, Bangalore and measuring East to West 13-6 feet and North to South 32 feet, totally measuring 496 sq. ft, with construction building thereon and bounded on the following Boundaries: Bounded By: East-Remaining Portion of property No.3, West: Previously Kari Muninanjappa's Property presently Road, North: Road, South: Road.
 (2) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Mrs. Govindamma M W/o V Shamraj 2. Mr. Shamraj V H/o Govindamma M 3. Mrs. S Rajesh S/o Shamraj V all are residing at No.45, Doctors Layout, White Field, Bangalore-560066.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 88,64,316/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Only) as on 19.09.2022 and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 02.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 21.04.2023
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of the property bearing K No.45, BBMP Khatna No.45, Property No.8,9,10 & 11, Hagadur Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the following Boundaries: Bounded By: East: Site No.44, West: Site No.46, North: Road, South: Site No.69.
 Date : 21.04.2023
 Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.



BENGALURU

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALURU
 B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.
 O.A. No. 1299/2018
 Between
 Union Bank Of India Applicant
 (Bannerghatta Road Branch)
 And
 V/s
 Mrs. Bhuvanewari And Others Defendants.
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
 To,
 1. V. Vikram Kennedy S/o. Varadaraju No. 09, Srinivasa Nilaya, Hari Nagar Cross, Kothanur Main Road, Anjanapura Munneswara Layout, Bangalore-560062. 3rd Defendant
 Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 18,09,053/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Fifty Three Only) as on 01/08/2018 together with current and future interest and for other relief.
 The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/ are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/her defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of on 31.05.2023 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
 Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
 Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 25.04.2023
 By order of the Tribunal Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal-II At Bangalore



Canara Bank

PEENYA BRANCH
 SRI MUNISWARA INDUSTRIAL AREA
 PEENYA, BANGALROE-560058.

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
 'We, Canara Bank, Bengaluru had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixure at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.
PEENYA BRANCH
 1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri Noor Ahamed Pasha S/o Mohammed Ibrahim and Ms.Tabassum Fathima W/o Mohammed Nazim, both are residing at: No.302, Behind Old Check Post, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057.
 [Details of the credit facilities/avail by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount	Liability with Interest as on date 05.04.2023	Rate of Interest
0850619003825	HOUSING LOAN	24.07.2018	Rs.7,30,000/-	Rs.5,29,540.35	7.60%+2%penal Interest
0850619003827	HOUSING LOAN	16.03.2009	Rs.1,52,000/-	Rs.95,601.56	7.60%+2%penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.6,25,141.91 (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred and Forty One Paise Ninety One Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.
NPA Date : 05.04.2023 Demand Notice Dated : 11.04.2023
Details of Security Assets : Name of Title holder: Smt. Tabassum Fathima
 All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.6,House list np 396 situated at T Dasarahalli village,Chokkasandra panchayath, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to west 37 feet and North to South:30 feet having total area 1110 sq ft together with one square A C sheet roofed house constructed thereon East by : Road, West by : Property bearing No.57/9, South by: Property bearing No.7, North by : Property bearing No.5.
 You are hereby by called upon to pay **Canara Bank**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.
 Date : 26.04.2023
 Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer Canara Bank



HDFC

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
 Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturaba Road, Bangalore- 560001. Ph : 080-68407999
 Fax: 080 22275754, E-mail : customer.service@hdfc.com, Website: www.hdfc.com
SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
 Whereas the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited**, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) & Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mr. S Ramesh (Borrower) and Mr. S Rajkumar (Co-Borrower)	Rs.1,76,69,925/- in Loan Account No. 632604011 and Rs.4,78,925/- in Loan Account No. 634043677 totally accruing to Rs.1,81,48,850/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty One Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Only) as on 31.01.2023	06.02.2023	26.04.2023	All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No.42 , formed by the Kendra Upadhyayara Sangha (Regd) Bangalore South Taluk, which is carved out of erstwhile Survey Nos. 45 and 47 of Jakkasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits and it has issued Municipal No.42, Old Ward No.66, New Ward No. 173, (JAKKASANDRA WARD) the BBMP has issued (Property Identification Number) PID No.66-190-42, measuring East to West- 40 feet and North to South- 60 feet totally 2400 Square feet , and consisting of Ground Floor 18 Squares & First Floor 18 Squares with Mosaic Tiles Flooring, Honne Wood Doors and Windows with all amenities Building thereon, and bounded on: East by : Site No.43, Westby : Site No.41, North by : KSRP Compound, South by : Road.

 *with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation.
 However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of **HDFC** have taken **Symbolic possession** of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.
 The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.** Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets/. Copies of the Panchnama drawn and Inventory madeare available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
 Date: 27.04.2023
 Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorised Officer HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002



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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
 E-Auction Sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the **Kotak Bank Ltd. ("the Secured Creditor")**, the Physical Possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the secured creditor on **04.08.2022**, will be sold by way of e-auction

Sudanese crowd at the borders to escape violence

On the 2nd day of a 3-day truce, Britain airlifts over 390 people to Cyprus

CAIRO

SUDANESE families were massing on Wednesday at a border crossing with Egypt and at a main port, desperately trying to escape their country's violence and sometimes waiting for days with little food or shelter, witnesses said. In Khartoum, the intensity of fighting eased on the second day of a three-day truce. Taking advantage of relative calm, many residents in Khartoum and the neighbouring city of Omdurman emerged from their homes to seek food and water, lining up at bakeries or grocery stores, after days of being trapped inside by the fighting between the army and a rival paramilitary group. Some inspected shops or homes that had been destroyed or looted.

At least 512 people, including civilians and fighters, have been killed, and over 4,200 wounded since fighting began, the UN health agency said, citing Sudan's Health Ministry. The Doctors' Syndicate, which tracks civilian casualties, said at least 295 civilians have been killed and 1,790 wounded.

The 72-hour ceasefire announced by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was to last



A Saudi Navy sailor carries a child as evacuees arrive at King Faisal Navy Base in Jeddah on Wednesday following a rescue operation from Sudan | AFP

until late Thursday. Many Sudanese fear the army and its rival Rapid Support Forces (RSF) will escalate their battle once the international evacuations of foreigners is completed.

Britain's High Commissioner in Cyprus, Irfin Siddiq, said UK authorities have directly contacted 1,000 British nationals in Sudan to tell them to make their way to the airport. Cyprus' Foreign Minister Constantinos Kombos said five flights from Sudan arrived on Wednesday, with a total of 391

British nationals aboard.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization said on Wednesday it was assessing the threat posed to public health after fighters in Sudan occupied a national laboratory holding samples of deadly diseases.

"We are also concerned that those occupying the lab could be accidentally exposed to pathogens stored there," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "WHO is seeking more information and conducting a risk assessment." Agencies

Xi, Zelenskyy talk for first time since war

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping had a "long and meaningful" phone conversation on Wednesday, their first known contact since Russia invaded Ukraine.

The phone call lasted nearly an hour and was a significant development that came two months after Beijing said it wanted to act as a mediator in the war against Ukraine.

Zelenskyy was upbeat about the phone call, which offered him the chance to try to drive a wedge between Moscow and its key ally Beijing. "I believe that this call, as well as the appointment of Ukraine's ambassador to China, will give a powerful impetus to the development of

Ukraine repeats warnings about potential nuke threat

Also on Wednesday, Zelenskyy used the 37th anniversary of the world's worst nuclear disaster at Chernobyl to repeat his warnings about the potential threat of a new atomic catastrophe in Ukraine amid his country's war with Russia. He drew a parallel between the Chernobyl accident on April 26, 1986, to Moscow's brief seizure of that plant. "Last year, the occupier not only seized the (Chernobyl) nuclear power plant, but also endangered the entire world again," Zelenskyy said.

our bilateral relations," Zelenskyy said in a Facebook post.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry statement said Beijing's "core stance is to facilitate talks for peace," announcing that an envoy—a former ambassador to Russia—would visit Ukraine in pursuit of a "political settlement."

The statement struck a positive tone, giving a nod to Kyiv's insistence that its territory cannot be broken up by Rus-

sia's annexations of land while making clear that Beijing values its ties with Ukraine.

"Mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity is the political foundation of China-Ukraine relations," the statement said. "China's readiness to develop relations with Ukraine is consistent and clear-cut. No matter how the international situation evolves, China will work with Ukraine to advance mutually beneficial

cooperation."

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova commended China's approach, praising Beijing's "readiness to strive to establish a (peace) negotiations process," while slamming what she called Kyiv's "rejection of any sound initiatives aimed at a settlement."

The White House lauded the phone call between Zelenskyy and Jinping. "We welcome the news that there was a phone call between President Xi and President Zelenskyy. We think that's a good thing," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said. "Now, whether that's going to lead to some sort of meaningful peace movement or plan or proposal, I just don't think we know that right now," he said. Agencies

ASIA MATTERS

ARMY ATTACKS PUT ME AT RISK, SAYS NZ PILOT

Separatist rebels in Indonesia's restive Papua region released a video Wednesday appearing to show the New Zealand pilot they took hostage in February saying that recent Indonesian military attacks threatened his safety. In the video, a man identified as Philip Mark Mehrtens said, "...As you can see, I am still alive and I'm healthy and eating well." He said he has had "no problems" while living with his abductors. "Indonesia has been dropping bombs in the area over the last week," he said. "Please, there is no need. It's dangerous for me and everybody here"

MOTHER JAILED FOR SWINGING KETTLE

A 42-year-old woman in Singapore was sentenced three weeks of jail on Wednesday after she swung a kettle at her 15-year-old daughter for not returning home on time, leaving her with burns and blisters. The woman is intending to appeal against the sentence, CNA reported.



Members of Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network hold candle outside Singapore Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Wednesday | AP

S'pore hangs prisoner over 1 kg of cannabis despite clemency pleas

HONG KONG

SINGAPORE on Wednesday executed a man accused of coordinating a cannabis delivery, despite pleas for clemency from his family and protests from activists that he was convicted on weak evidence.

Tangaraju Suppiah, 46, was sentenced to death in 2018 for abetting the trafficking of 1 kilogram of cannabis. Under Singapore laws, trafficking more than 500 grams of cannabis may result in the death penalty. Tangaraju was hanged on Wednesday morning and his family was given the death certificate, according to a tweet from activist Kirsten Han of the Transformative Justice Collective, which advocates for abolishing the death penalty in Singapore.

Although Tangaraju was not caught with the cannabis, prosecutors said phone numbers traced him as the person responsible for coordinating the delivery of the drugs. Tangaraju had maintained that he was not the one communicating with the others connected to the case. At a United Nations Human Rights briefing Tuesday, spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani called on the Singapore government to adopt a "formal moratorium" on executions for drug-related offenses.

An application filed by Tangaraju on Monday for a stay of execution was dismissed without a hearing on Tuesday. Critics say Singapore's death penalty has mostly snared low-level mules and done little to stop drug traffickers and organised syndicates.

But Singapore's government says that all those executed have been accorded full due process under the law and that the death penalty is necessary to protect its citizens. Singapore executed 11 people last year for drug offenses. AP

KILLER QUEEN

Freddie Mercury's private collection to be sold

LONDON

HE was the king of Queen and his crown could be yours—for the right price.

Freddie Mercury's extensive collection of costumes, fine art, and even handwritten working lyrics for "We Are the Champions" and "Killer Queen" will be auctioned in September.

Queen's frontman had said he wanted to live a Victorian life surrounded by "exquisite clutter," and he left it all to his close friend, Mary Austin, when he died, at 45, of AIDS-related pneumonia in 1991.

Austin, who has kept most of it the way Mercury left it in his home in the upscale Kensington neighbourhood of London, said she had reached the "difficult decision" that it was time to sell it all, Sotheby's said.

"I have had the joy and privilege of living surrounded by all the wonderful things that Freddie sought out and so loved," Austin said.

Artwork includes prints or works on paper by Picasso and Matisse. "Type of Beauty," a painting by 19th century French artist James Tissot of his Irish muse and lover Kathleen Newton, is estimated to sell for \$500,000-750,000—the highest of any item listed in press materials. Lyrics for the band's show-closing anthem number "We are the Champions" that Mercury wrote on nine pages, including stationery from British Midland Airways, are estimated to fetch \$250,000-375,000.

Mercury donned the rhinestone-studded crown and cloaked his bare back in the red fake fur cloak after singing "Champions" at Knebworth House north of London during Queen's final concert together in 1986. He marched triumphantly back onto stage and raised the crown with his right hand as the crowd began singing along to "God Save the Queen" piped out through the sound system. Some of the roughly 1,500 items going up for sale will be exhibited in New York, Los Angeles and Hong Kong during a tour in June. They will be auctioned over three days in September. AP

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs Union of India Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **Mr RIZWAN ARSHAD**

Residing at: Apartment No. G-2, No. 24, 4th Street, Benson 'A' Cross Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046

Name of political party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (INC)**

(Independent candidate should write "Independent" here)

Name of election : **THE KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 2023**

*Name of Constituency : **No. 162-SHIVAJINAGAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I Mr. RIZWAN ARSHAD, a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl.No	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case (s)	Section (s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offences (s)
1.	1st Additional Civil Judge (Jn. Dn) & JMFC Court Kanakapura	C.C. No 146/2022 (F.I.R bearing Crime No.002/2022)	Summons to Accused	Section 141, 143, 290, 336 read with section 149 of Indian Penal Code & Section 5(3A) of The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020. For Participating in Makedatu Padayatre.
2.	Principal Civil Judge & JMFC Court Kanakapura	C.C No. 194/2022 (F.I.R bearing Crime No.001/2022)	Summons to Accused	Section 141, 143, 290, 336 read with section 149 of Indian Penal Code & Section 5(3A) of The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020. For Participating in Makedatu Padayatre.
3	42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru	C.C. No 3169/2022 (PCR No.1453/2021)	NBW	Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 51 (b) of The Disaster Management Act, 2005, For Participating in Makedatu Padayatre.
4.	42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru	C.C No 25317/22 (PCR No.54122/2021)	Sumons	Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 31 read with Section 103 of the Karnataka Police Act. For Participating in Makedatu Padayatre.

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

*Sl.no	Name of Court & date (s)	Description offence (s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-
-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-
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* In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

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ADDENDUM TO DEMAND NOTICE PUBLISHED ON 26.11.2022
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Date: 26.04.2023, Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

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HINDUJA GROUP HIGHEST BIDDER FOR RCAP

With ₹9,650 crore upfront cash offer, the Group moves a step closer to acquiring the Anil Ambani-led company

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

HINDUJA GROUP firm IIHL (IndusInd International Holdings Ltd) emerged as the highest bidder for the bankrupt Reliance Capital (RCap) on the second round of auction, held on Wednesday, with an offer of ₹9,650 crore.

With this upfront cash offer, Hinduja Group, which has a stake in private sector lender IndusInd Bank, has moved a step closer to acquiring the Anil Ambani-led debt-ridden company going under the insolvency process.

The other two suitors, Torrent Investments and Oaktree did not participate in the auction, leaving IIHL as the sole bidder for RCap. Hinduja Group firm's bid is around ₹1,000 crore higher than the previous

auction held in December last year in which Torrent Investments had emerged as the highest bidder with ₹8,640 crore offer for Reliance Capital.

The Committee of Creditors (CoC) will now hold a meeting this week in which creditors will vote on the proposal and will discuss the future course of action. The proposal will be submitted to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for approval. "There may be some more discussions in coming days between lenders and IIHL to nudge the highest bidder to further increase its offer," a bank official told this newspaper. "Lenders are not happy with the outcome of the auction as other bidders did not participate in the auction. We were expecting multiple rounds of bidding but absence of other



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bidders dashed our hopes," he said.

Torrent Investments and Oaktree wanted a guarantee from the lenders that this auction would be final and there would be no more auctions. "It was agreed by the lenders that no bids will be accepted after the auction is over, but there was no agreement on the second point that this would be the last auction," he said.

The CoC had set a minimum bid amount of ₹9,500 crore for the first round and ₹10,000 crore for the second round, with an additional ₹250 crore for subsequent rounds.

Now the stakeholders will have to wait for the decision of the Supreme Court, where the case is currently being heard. The second round of auction was held on Wednesday after

the Supreme Court allowed the lenders to go ahead with second round of auction. The top court had last month permitted the CoC to conduct the second auction, subject to its final judgment. The matter will next be heard in August this year, after the CoC submits the results of the auction.

The resolution process of Reliance Capital was mired into litigation after the first round of auction. Following the closure of first round, the Hinduja Group firm submitted the bid post auction date. IIHL offered an all-cash revised bid of Rs 9,000 crore after the completion of the auction as against an offer of Rs 8,110 crore in December. This was done even though lenders had expressed their intent to hold second round of auction.

KEY STATISTICS		
	Q4FY23	Q4FY22
PAT	₹2,623 Cr	₹2,351 Cr
Net sales	₹30,822 Cr	₹27,849 Cr
EBITDA margin	10.45%	9.1%
Sales (unit)	5,14,927	4,65,911

PAT: PROFIT AFTER TAX



Maruti Suzuki to raise production by 10 lakh units

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ANTICIPATING rising demand for its passenger vehicles (PVs), Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) is set to increase its manufacturing capacity by 10 lakh units per annum. This announcement comes as the country's top carmaker is looking to regain the 50% share in the domestic market.

Currently, MSIL has existing capacity of 13 lakh units per annum in Manesar and Gurugram. In addition, the company is supplied vehicles by Suzuki Motor Gujarat (SMG) under the contract manufacturing agreement.

The period in which the capacity would be added and the capex needed for the same will be determined by the board at a later date, MSIL said in a regulatory filing. The firm said it will fund the capacity expansion via internal accruals. At the end of FY23, MSIL had a cash reserve of ₹45,000 crore and earmarked a capex of ₹8,000 crore for FY24.

MSIL Chairperson RC Bhargava said the work on the new plant will be carried on simultaneously with their previously announced Kharkhoda plant. Announced last year, the Kharkhoda unit is expected to

roll out 2.5 lakh units per annum by 2025 and can be expanded up to 10 lakh units. "We along with Suzuki looked at the estimated demand scenario over the next 8 years...It is expected that the Kharkhoda plant (in Sonapat) capacity will be fully utilised...so we decided to put up one million additional capacity," Bhargava said.

He added that the industry will continue to have problems related to semiconductors in FY24 and demand for smaller cars (hatchbacks) will remain stagnant. On EVs, he said they have plans to introduce six different models of electric vehicles (EVs) by 2030-end, and these will largely be in the SUV segment. Currently, Maruti has over 40% market share in PV segment. In FY23, it sold 19.6 lakh vehicles, comprising 1,706,831 units in domestic market and the highest-ever exports of 259,333 units.

Maruti Suzuki on Wednesday reported its Q4FY23 and FY23 earnings. Its net profit grew 43% YoY to ₹2,624 crore in the quarter as it benefited from strong demand for its vehicles and higher margins. For full FY23, PAT was up 114% YoY to ₹8,049 crore.

TELECOM

Tel Bill to be sent for inter ministerial consultation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will soon send the Telecommunication Bill 2022 for inter ministerial consultation. The DoT believes that the bill will get clearance from the ministries within a fortnight so that it can be tabled in parliament in this monsoon session.

"As we have already deliberated a lot about the Telecommunication Bill with the concerned ministries, therefore, it is unlikely that the inter ministerial consultation will take much time. Most of them have already given feedback and comments on the bill, and we have considered all those inputs," said an official of DoT.

The government is planning to introduce the new Telecom Bill in the monsoon session of parliament. The bill will replace three existing laws - the Indian Telegraph Act, 1855, the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933, and the Telegraph Wires (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1950. Once it gets clearance from inter-ministerial consultation, it will be presented in parliament. The telecom bill proposes light regulation for over-the-top (OTT) communication apps such as WhatsApp and Signal. Initially the bill faced few hiccups as it had issues like possible dilution of the powers of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. However, the officials later clarified that they would amend that provision from the bill.

PLI scheme attracted ₹53K cr investment till Dec'22

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

Fourteen sectors, which are beneficiaries of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, received a total investment of ₹53,500 crore till December 2022, resulting in incremental production or sales of over ₹5 lakh crore.

According to the data released by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the government has disbursed ₹2,800 crore to eight sectors against ₹3,400 crore claims raised under the scheme. These eight sectors include large-scale electronics manufacturing, IT hardware, pharmaceuticals, telecom, food products among others.

According to DPIIT additional secretary Rajeev Singh Thakur, these eight PLI sectors

PLI PERFORMANCE SO FAR

717 Applications approved under 14 schemes	3 lakhs: Employment generated
₹53,500 CR: ACTUAL INVESTMENT (TILL DEC'22)	5 lakh cr: Actual incremental production/sales
	3,400 cr: Incentive across 8 sectors
	176 MSMEs: Selected as direct beneficiaries



are doing well, while some of them need to enhance their pace. The PLI scheme was announced in 2020 for 14 sectors with a total outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore to increase domestic manufacturing capabilities and give impetus to exports.

"The next two-three years will be crucial and we hope that

things will move at a faster pace," Singh said while briefing the media.

As per the government data, 717 applications have been approved in 14 sectors with expected investment of ₹2.74 lakh crore. This has resulted in generation of more than 3 lakh jobs. Large scale electronics

Patent filings witness 13.6% growth in FY22: Nasscom

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE country saw a significant increase in patent filings in FY22, with a 13.6% YoY growth rate, which is the highest annual rise in last decade, said Nasscom in a report.

The report titled 'Unpacking India's IP Ecosystem for an Innovation-led future' said the year witnessed an increase in share of domestic filings to 44.4% of total patents filed, compared to 41.6% in FY2021. The report showcases the patents filed across emerging technologies in India. It says out of the 5,84,000 patents filed between FY10 and FY22, about 2,66,000 were from the technology domain and

160,000 of these technology patents were from emerging technologies like AI, IoT, Big Data, cybersecurity and blockchain. Of the total patents filed in the telecommunications sector, about 2.4% were related to emerging areas like 5G and 6G. Debjani Ghosh, President of Nasscom, said, "India's adoption of emerging technologies has led to a surge in innovation, as evidenced by the increasing number of patent filings."

Over 2010-2022, patents related to AI and IoT for various applications such as building automation, smart wearables, among others, accounted for more than 50% of the patents filed across emerging technologies, it added.

Google takes \$2.6 bn hit on account of workforce cut, office space charges

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

GOOGLE parent Alphabet has incurred \$2.6 billion in charges related to reductions in its workforce and office space in the first quarter of this year.

Alphabet, which reported \$69.79 billion revenue in Q1, 2023, in January, announced it will fire 12,000 employees across product areas, functions, levels and regions. "We are taking actions to optimise our global office space, and as a result we recorded charges related to office space reductions of \$564 million in the first quarter of 2023. We may incur additional charges in the future as we further evaluate our real estate needs," Alphabet said.

It said the majority of severance and related charges were recognised in the first quarter of 2023. It had said in January it would pay employees during the full notification period - minimum 60 days and it will offer a severance package starting at 16 weeks salary plus two weeks for every additional year at Google.

Its rival Microsoft, which slashed 10,000 jobs, had said in January that they are taking a \$1.2 billion charge in Q2 related to severance costs, changes to its hardware portfolio, and the cost of lease consolidation.

Microsoft has beat Street estimates for its quarterly revenue and reported a 7% jump in revenue to \$52.9 billion for the quarter ending March 31, 2023. Satya Nadella, Chairman and

CEO of Microsoft, had said while announcing layoffs that US-benefit-eligible employees will get a variety of benefits, including above-market severance pay, continuing healthcare coverage for six months, and continued vesting of stock awards for six months, among others.

Meanwhile, both companies are now focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI). "The world's most advanced AI models are coming together with the world's most universal user interface - natural language - to create a new era of computing," said Nadella. "Across the Microsoft Cloud, we are the platform of choice to help customers get the most value out of their digital spend and innovate for this next generation of AI," he said.

UK minister visits India to attract investment

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

LORD DOMINIC JOHNSON, the UK's Minister for Investment, on Wednesday embarked on a visit to India to drum up investor interest in the UK.

After arriving in Bengaluru, where Johnson is looking at partnering with technology

companies, he will visit Pune to meet investors and leading Indian businesses, including Infosys and Zensar.

"It is fantastic to be in India again visiting the vibrant cities of Pune and Bengaluru to find out how our strong cultural and economic ties mean investors and business leaders con-

tinue to choose the UK. From life sciences to AI, now is the time to invest in the UK as we are determined to be the undisputed number one investment destination in Europe," Johnson said.

India is the 12th-largest trading partner of the UK and it accounts for 2.1% of the latter's

total trade. Meanwhile, the UK and India have signed an agreement to collaborate on science and innovation, following a meeting between UK Science Minister George Freeman and Indian Science and technology minister Jitendra Singh. The MoU was signed in the UK Parliament.

EXPRESS READ

Poonawalla Fincorp net profit up 103% in Q4

MUMBAI: Poonawalla Fincorp on Wednesday reported a 103% rise in net profit at ₹180.4 crore for the fourth quarter ended March this year, compared to ₹89.8 crore in same quarter last previous year. Total revenue of Adar NBFC during the quarter stood at ₹576.7 crore, up 50.3%. ENS

SBI Life net rises marginally to ₹77.6 cr

MUMBAI: SBI Life on Wednesday reported ₹77.6 crore net income for Q4FY23, marginally up from the ₹67.2 crore it had booked a year ago, despite higher premium and margins. The private sector life insurer said its first-year premium inched up to ₹408.9 crore from ₹385.3 crore. PTI



World Heritage Day, Vedanta Aluminium launches online gallery

Bhubaneswar: On World Heritage Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, launched an online gallery on its own website to promote the handicrafts made by local artists from communities in its operational areas. To begin with, the online gallery showcases beautiful pieces of Dhokra metal work and Saura paintings for purchase, based on popular demand. Through this initiative, Vedanta Aluminium aims to widen the reach of the unique art and culture that the company nurtures in its vicinity, across the world. The gallery will thus provide artisans in remote areas the opportunity to increase their earnings.



Textile industry in Maharashtra excited for PM MITRA park

Mumbai: The Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) organised an Investor Conference for the textile industry on 18th April 2023 at ITC Grand Central, Mumbai. It discussed the advantages of the PM MITRA Park in the presence of Dr. Harshad Kambale IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Vipin Sharma IAS, CEO - MIDC, Shri P.D. Malik IAS, Joint CEO - MIDC and other senior officers of Department of Industries and Department of Textiles, Govt. of Maharashtra.

REC's subsidiary RECPDCL hands over 'KPS1 Transmission Ltd' to M/s Megha Engg & Infra

Gurugram: REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited, the NBFC Maharatna CPSU under the aegis of Ministry of Power, handed over the project specific Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), formed for construction of Transmission Project viz., 'KPS1 Transmission Limited to M/s Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd. on 20th April, 2023. M/s Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd. has been the successful bidder of the Inter-State Transmission Project of Ministry of Power, Government of India and RECPDCL was the Bid Process Coordinator.



PFC approves EV financing facility of ₹ 633 cr

New Delhi: Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), a Maharatna company and the leading NBFC in Indian power sector, has sanctioned a loan of ₹633 crores to Gensol Engineering Ltd (GEL) for the purchase of 5000 passenger Electric Vehicles (EVs) and 1000 cargo EVs. The passenger EVs will be leased to Blusmart Mobility Pvt. Ltd (BMPL) to expand its fleet of ride-hailing cabs. The first tranche of the loan has been disbursed, and the first lot of EV cabs has hit the roads of Delhi.



Delhi HC notice to CCI on Google's appeal

JAISON WILSON @ New Delhi

THE Delhi high court on Wednesday issued a notice to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and a body representing a section of start-ups in an appeal moved by Google against an order passed by a single-judge bench of the high court on the American tech giant's new in-app billing systems case.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and comprising Justice Subramonium Prasad posted the matter for next hearing on July 19. With the appeal, Google challenged an order passed by the bench on Monday asking the competition watchdog to consider a plea of the Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) against the tech giant's policy of allowing use of third-party payment processors for paid app downloads and in-app purchases on a commission basis.

On Tuesday, the same bench had refused an urgent listing of the matter, which was mentioned by senior advocate Sandeep Sethi, who appeared for Google. The bench had, on Monday, asked the regulator to consider the plea of the ADIF, an alliance of individuals and an industry representative a body of innovative start-ups in the country, on or before April 26.

In the previous hearing, Sethi argued while the requisite quorum of the CCI is the Chairperson and two members, presently it has only two members and thus, it can't proceed with the ADIF's plea. The ADIF approached the court this month with the grievance that the regulator has failed to act on its application objecting to Google's new payment policy owing to a lack of quorum.

Date : 25.04.2023
Place: Bangalore

WHEREAS, the General Public are hereby informed that my client **VINAYAKA A KRISHNA**, S/o. Anu Kumar M, aged about 21 years, 1st No.54, 32th Cross, Munarajayappa Road, Ring Road, Egara, Bengaluru 560047, intend to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from C RAMU, S/o. Late, Chikapurayappa, 122, 3rd A Cross, Near Bharat Gas Petrol Station, Egara, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560047, & any person's or Institution/Authority etc, have got any Objections or claiming any right title and interest of whatsoever nature on the Schedule Property are hereby required to communicate the same along with the supporting documents to me at my Office within 7 days from this day. Otherwise the sale transaction will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest which shall be deemed to have been waived to all interest and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.6, Old Phase No.148, Present Khata No.222, BBMP Ward B/SI No.411, formed in Survey No.11/2, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., Situated at Veerapalavayal Village, Egara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, Now comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP. Now comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on **East** by Site No.7, **West** by Road, **North** by Site No.3, **South** by Site No.11.

SURESH DADA LAW ASSOCIATES
No.216, St. Maruthi Nilaya, First Floor, 4th Cross, Cross, Bengaluru-560002.
Mob: 9912944620.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Apoorva M L, given Notice to General Public that I have lost the following original documents:
(1) Sale Deed, dated 26/02/2001 Executed by Smt. Akhtarunnisa in favour of Sri. Ahmed Husain alias Babajan, Registered as document no. 14362-0000-2001
(2) Sale Deed, dated 06/02/2003 Executed by Mr. Ahmed Husain alias Babajan in favour of Mr.M R SAFAER AHMED, Registered as document no. 25301-2002-2003.
(3) Sale Deed, dated 06/02/2003 Executed by Smt. T N Sarojamma in favour of Mr. M R SAFAER AHMED, Registered as document no. 25357-2002-2003, which are all mentioned above are lost and not traceable. If found inform to below mentioned address within eight days from the date of publication.
Apoorva M L
#1102, Swarnamala Nilaya, Sent Mary School Road, 5th Cross, Bangalore North, Bangalore-57 Ph: 8073290401

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that, my clients are interested/Agreed, to purchase the below mentioned property from its absolute owners viz:
1. **Sri. C.K. Suresh** S/o Late. Hanumanthiah
2. **Sri. V. Ramesh** S/o Venkataratnamiah, Both are 2nd Chennamahal Village, Kadabergu Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru 562130. 3. **Sri. B.C. Nagaraju**, S/o Nanjingswamy Residing at Basavanahalli Village, Ganagalagodu Post, Ganagalagodu Hobli, Arakalaguda Taluk, Hassan District 4. **Sri. K.N. Srinivas**, S/o Sri Nanjingswamy, Residing at 47th Cross, 6th Main, BEML Layout, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru 560079.

Any person/s, firm/s, bank/s or financial institution, companies or individual etc. having any right, claim or interest in the schedule property may file his/her/their objections in writing along with original documents with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this publication.

Any objection on or after 10 days shall not be entertained and my clients shall proceed with the sale transaction with 15 owners presuming that there are no claims of anyone over the property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Site No. 11 and 12 carved out of Sy.No.180 & 181, measuring an area in East to West 70 Feet and North to South 100 Feet, measuring 7000 sq. feet, situated at Yalachagugge Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and the same is bounded on the:
East by: Private property, **West** by: 50 feet Road, **North** by: Site No.10 curved out of Sy.No.180 and 181. **South** by: Site No.13 curved out of Sy.No.180 and 181.

S. CHENNA KRISHNA, Advocate
No.34 & 35, 2nd Floor, Kilari Main Road, Opp. Bhandari High School, Bangalore-560053.
Mobile No: 7406957722 Date: 26/04/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Sri. A.S. Mohan** S/o. Sharmanna K. and **Smt. Hemalatha** T.T. W/o. A.S. Mohan, both are residing at No.136, Honnigahatti, Kempegowdanagara, Magadi main road, Tavarekere, Bengaluru South Taluk - 562130, are the joint owners and in lawful possession of the property scheduled hereunder. That, on 20.01.2023 our client has lost following documents at near Canara Bank ATM, Magadi Main Road, Honnigahatti, Bengaluru - 562130, i.e. (1)Original sale deed dated 23/07/2015 registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Jayanagar (Kannada) Bengaluru, vide Document NO BHGU/J-KNGR/3937/2015-16. (2)Original Sale deed dated 12.06.2013, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Tavarekere, Bengaluru Vide document NO BHGU/TVR/1282/2013. In this regard my client had given police complaint before the jurisdictional Bangalore Police station vide Last Report No.541271 on 21.04.2023.

Hence it is requesting to general public that, if anybody person finds the above said documents, may return/handover to the owner of the property or to the below address.

SCHEDULE

All that, piece and parcel of the property bearing No.136, Katha No.52, carved out of Sy.No.13, Honnigahatti Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring to an extent of East to West 50 feet, North to South 30 feet in total of 1500 Sq.Ft. Bounded on East by Road, West by site No.141, North by Site No.135 and South by Site No.137.

K. VENUGOPAL, Advocate
C.V.N. LAW ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS
#120, L.N.K. Cross, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Near Carmel School, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079.
Mob: +91 9998080644 Date: 25-04-2023
E-mail: kvenugopal055@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (COMMERCIAL COURT) (CCH No.90)
Ex. Case No. 119/2023
O.S. No.932/2022

BETWEEN: Mysore Provincial Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society Ltd. (R). Old No. 13, New No.98, Jumma Masjid Road, Bengaluru-560002. Replied, by its secretary. **DECEDE HOLDER**
And: Sri Ramalaji Kishan Chandra, S/o Late Ramalaji Solival, Proprietor Meenakshi Fashion, No.98, 1st floor, Jumma Masjid Road, Bengaluru-560002.

And also at No. 11/11, (Old No. 11/2) Solival Mansion, 1st floor, 5th cross, Lakshmi road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027. ...
JUDGEMENT DEBTOR

SUMMONS TO JUDGEMENT DEBTOR
Sri Ramalaji Kishan Chandra, S/o Late Ramalaji Solival, aged about years, Proprietor Meenakshi Fashion, No.98, 1st floor, Jumma Masjid Road, Bengaluru-560002.

The Decree Holder has filed the above execution against you for the delivery of possession of the schedule premises and also for the recovery of arrears of rent and damages to an extent of 11,26,177/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven Only).

The above Execution Petition is posted for your appearance on 06/06/2023 and you are hereby directed to appear in person or through an advocate otherwise the matter will heard and ex parte orders will be passed against you.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the Commercial Premises Old No. 13, New No.98, 1st floor, situated at Jumma Masjid Road, Bengaluru-560002. Measuring East to West-33 feet, North to South-30 feet and bounded on **East** by: Magadappa House, **West** by: Jashankar House, **North** by: Road, **South** by: Jashankar House

By order of the Court, Shri. Sd. Justice, Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Decree Holder
MOHAMED SAIFULLA KHAN & VILASINI J.B

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Mr. AZEELULLA, S/o Mr. Shaifuqulla, Residing at No.25, 9th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Manoranjayappa, R.Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560032, intends to purchase the schedule property from Mr. Syed Masood Ahmed, S/o. Late. Syed Ibrahim and Late. Rameezia Bee, Mrs. Reshma Sheriff, Mrs. Nafeesa Nikhat, Mrs. Rafatunnisa, Mrs. Kutubja Bi, Mr. Syed Sawood Ahmed and Mrs. Naureen Begum, all are residing at No. 31, Cook Burn Road, Shivajinagar, Opposite Church, Bangalore-560 051, Those who are having any title, right, claim or interest in the Schedule property may contact me with their legitimate claims within 7 days, failing which my client will purchase the Schedule property as the same is free from all claims/encumbrance and no claim shall be entertained later.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece & parcel of the property bearing New Municipal No.56-66, PID No. 95-409-56-66, KHB Road, Kavalabyasandra, Old BBMP Ward No. 95, New BBMP Ward No. 32-Kavalabyasandra (formerly Site Nos. 56 and 65, earlier BBMP Khata No. 56 & 65/63/4, formed in Survey No. 63/4, Situated at 3rd Main, Kavalabyasandra New Layout, Kavalabyasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 60 Feet, totally 3000 Sq. ft. and bounded on **East** by: Site No. 57 & 66, **West** by: Road, **North** by: Road, **South** by: Site No. 47.

K. AJAYAKUMAR, Advocate,
M/s AJAY & ASSOCIATES,
18, 1st floor, Thimmaiah Garden, Devanagar Road, R. T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032, Ph: (08) 080-49900563 & 080-48506640, Mob. 9880140512

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my Client Mamtha Kumari, D/o, Babulaji Bafna, W/o. Mukesh Kothari, Aged about 36 years, C/o, Hira Sports Suppliers, Buttar Market, Hubli-28. Aadhar No.4556 9588 7318 has Lost his Original Registered Document No.1550/1994, on dated-18-07-1994, Registered in the Sub Registrar at Kelamangalam Office in respect of the Property bearing Sy.No.433/2A, Unit No.30, measuring 1200 Sq.feet situated at Achettipalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State. In this regard My Client has also preferred a Police Complaint on 25-04-2023, before the Inspector of Police, Anekal Police Station, and the Police taken Complaint on File on 25-04-2023, in C.Miss No.83/2023, that my Client has not created my charge over the Property covered under the above said Document. If Found, the Document may kindly be delivered to the under mentioned Address, any objection from the concerned Public will not be entertained or bind my Client after from 7 days of this Public Notice.

M. Manjunath, Advocate
Anekal-562106.

WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS SIGNALING RELATED WORKS

Tender No: S&T/C/RTM/109/2023-24 Name of Work: Design, Supply, Installation, Programming, Testing, and Commissioning of New Hot Standby Electronic Interlocking System at PatalPani, Mukhtiyara Balwada, Barwah & Omkareshwar Stations, Alteration in Existing Electronic Interlocking (EI) System at Rau & Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow) Station, New IBH at Harniyakhari Station along with Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of various Signaling Systems in Rau-Patal Pani & SWD-Mukhtiar Balwa Section in connection of RKGC Work under Dy. CSTE Construction, Ratlam Division, Western Railway (Madhya Pradesh). Estimated Cost of Work: ₹182494179/- Cost of Earnest Money: ₹1062500/- Bidding Start Date: 05.05.2023, Closing Date & Time: 19.05.2023 at 15.00 hrs. For the above tender notice and more details please visit the Western Railway website www.irops.gov.in.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION (ISRO) Construction & Maintenance Group ISRO -TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC) PEENYA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BENGALURU-560 058

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, sealed **Item rate E-Tenders** are invited online from contractors of appropriate class for the following work in NIT by Group Head, ISTRAC, ISRO, Peenya, Bengaluru-58 (Ph:2809 4541, 28094178)

Name of work	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Walk-in-Cooler at ISDN Guest House Canteen, ISTRAC, Baiyalu, Bengaluru.
E-Tenders Notice	ISTRAC/CMG/A.C/MAINT/E-TN- 04/ 2022-2023 Dated: 26.04.2023
Estimated Cost put to Tender	Rs. 6.91 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	E-Tenders
Period of completion in months reckoned from 15th day of date of issue of work order	01 Month
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From 27.04.2023 to 12.05.2023 till 10.00 hrs.
Bid Clarification	From 27.04.2023 to 15.05.2023 till 16.00 hrs.
Last date and time of reply to Bid Clarification	16.05.2023 Up to: 16:00 hrs
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	17.05.2023 Up to: 16:00 hrs
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	19.05.2023 after 11.00 hrs.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 13,820.00

Interested tenderers may please refer **Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)** for eligibility criteria and other details from website www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

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**IF YOU'RE
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—WINSTON CHURCHILL—



Ding Liren's capitalised on a big Ian Nepomniachtchi blunder to level the 14-match chess World Championship 6-6 after 12 matches. With white pieces and trailing Nepomniachtchi by a point with three encounters to go, the Chinese, who looked to have been losing at the half-way mark forced the opponent into multiple errors. It ultimately made

Mid-season breakdown

WITH ALL TEAMS HAVING PLAYED HALF THE NUMBER OF LEAGUE GAMES* IN THE YEAR, A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EMERGING PATTERNS...

POWERPLAY RUNS



Teams have attacked the powerplay with much greater vigour than ever before. The powerplay run rate of 8.50 across 71 innings is the best ever, eclipsing the previous best 8.39 in 2018. It's seen teams hitting more boundaries in this phase of the game than before as they have looked to play at least one specific powerplay hitter at the top.

TWO TABLES WITHIN THE TABLE

This has happened in previous years as well but not with just 50% of the league matches done. There is already a gap beginning to develop between the top teams and the rest. The gap between the top two and bottom three is already six points.

MORE TRUST IN SIXTH OR SEVENTH OVERSEAS PLAYERS

Noor Ahmed has become a solid Gujarat operator. Rahmanullah Gurbaz was Kolkata's lead opener for a while. Sikandar Raza was Punjab's overseas spin bowling batting all-rounder. Naveen-ul-Haq (Lucknow) and Josh Little (Gujarat) have already made impressions. In past seasons, players from these countries did the bulk of their work in practice sessions. In 2023, they are playing key roles.

ABSENCE OF BATTING ALL-ROUNDERS

The role of the Impact Player is clear. In earlier seasons, batters in the top four or five would have been called upon to bowl an over here or there. These days they have been substituted in favour of an out-and-out bowler on several occasions.

* All patterns and numbers are accounted till Tuesday's match

62 (15)

LSG's Nicholas Pooran has the fastest fifty for the season (62 off 15 balls against RCB).

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Ruturaj Gaikwad hit the most sixes in an innings this season in the opening game.

89

Mohammed Siraj has bowled the most number of dots this season — 89 in 28 overs.

UNCAPPED INDIAN BATTERS ARE COMING

Rinku Singh, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Sai Sudharsan, Jitesh Sharma, Dhruv Jurel... while a few capped batters have let their franchises down, this season could well herald a new bunch of players who are more in tune with the specific roles this format demands. All of the aforementioned players play specific roles and have shown they can do it over a period of games. Watch out for them as the season wears on.



Srikanth, Prannoy & Sindhu win; Lakshya out

ENS @ Chennai

IT has been a tricky road for Indian singles shuttlers this season. Even the ever-reliable PV Sindhu has been treading in unfamiliar territory with the double Olympic medallist yet to find that magical touch that has yielded many epic moments in the past.

Taking part in the Badminton Asia Championships in Dubai, it is a massive opportunity for Sindhu to rediscover her form with some of the cream of the sport taking part. Up against World No 17 Hsu Wen Chi of Chinese Taipei in the opening hurdle, Sindhu was handed a stiff test early on with her opponent finding some gaps in Sindhu's tentative play. It was Hsu who had a 11-8 lead going into the first break. But Sindhu used her experience to make a big comeback. She was playing a patient game and willing to engage in rallies, forcing her opponent to make the mistakes. Trailing 11-14 at one stage, Sindhu went 20-14 up, reeling off nine consecutive points. She pocketed the game soon after.



After the change of ends, Sindhu seemed to be playing much more freely and was unleashing winners at will, getting off to a dominant start. But Hsu showed some fight to close the gap. However, it was Sindhu who had her nose in front this time going into the drinks break. Hsu yet again pushed Sindhu hard, reeling off five consecutive points. It was a close battle until the end with both shuttlers trading points. However, the World No 11 Indian did just enough to seal the match (21-15, 22-20). Kidambi Srikanth also found joy on the day as he beat Adnan Ebrahim of Bahrain 21-13, 21-8 in the men's singles. World No 9 Prannoy also prevailed over Phone Pyae Naing of Myanmar 21-14, 21-9 in 32 minutes.

Lakshya Sen, meanwhile, was knocked out. Facing World No 7 Loh Kean Yew in the opening round, Sen lost 7-21, 21-23. Even though she lost, young talented shuttler Malavika Bansod had a noteworthy day. She pushed World No 1 Akane Yamaguchi of Japan hard before going down 23-25, 19-21.

An off day for pacer, who is having a stellar season, could impact RCB's fortunes significantly

SIRAJ, RCB'S BELLWETHER

GOMESH S @ Chennai

ONE hundred dot balls in 32 overs. It is essentially 52 per cent of the 192 legitimate deliveries featured in the aforementioned number of overs in eight games. That is how good Mohammed Siraj has been for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the 2023 IPL season.

It is not just the dot balls though. It gets better. With 14 wickets, he is the joint-highest wicket-taker for the season with Rashid Khan. In fact, it is almost impossible to see RCB where they are in the points table (5th) without the role Siraj has played so far, especially in the first six overs.

Off the 100 dot balls he has bowled, 72 off them have come in the powerplay. It means he has bowled 66.7 per cent dot balls in the first six overs when in fact overall numbers suggest that teams have gone harder with the bat in that phase this year than they have done in the past. The dot balls comes with seven top-order wickets as well, getting RCB in the contest quite early.

His ability to swing it across to a left-hander and away from a right-hander is well known, but it is the perfection with which he has executed that makes it special. Even more so considering the kind of season he had last year. In 15 games, he took nine wickets at an average of 57.11 at an economy of 10.07. It resulted in abuse on social media, which took a toll on him. He opened up about it in a video shared by the franchise saying the extreme reactions that athletes receive kills their motivation.



However, Siraj hasn't let it happen. On the field he is motivated more than ever, and more importantly, confident than ever, trusting his skills to do the job, taking the emotions out of the equation. His second over against N Jagadeesan of Kolkata Knight Riders on Wednesday is testament to that. Two outswingers upfront to beat the TN batter followed by a shortish delivery and an inswinger. He was swinging it both ways at sharp pace, some-

thing that Brett Lee feels is significant in the number of wickets Siraj has to show.

"He has got genuine pace, he shapes the ball away, he can also angle it back into the right-hander and angle away from the left-handed batter to induce the nick but when you bowl in the middle to late period (14th or 19th or 20th over), he has got a killer yorker. He absolutely nails his yorkers," said Lee, who is an expert with Jio Cinema.

The thing about Siraj and RCB is that they rely so heavily on him for early wickets that if it doesn't happen, they are taken for a ride. It happened on Wednesday as Siraj went wicketless in the powerplay and KKR managed to post 200/5 in 20 overs. He came back to remove Andre Russell with a perfect yorker, finishing with 1/33 - one of the best figures by a pacer on the day, but him having a bad day with the new ball put RCB on backfoot.

Kolkata Knight Rider's Jason Roy hit 29-ball 56 vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Wednesday | SPORTZKICS

BRIEF SCORES

KKR 200/5 in 20 ovs (Roy 56, Rana 48; Siraj 1/33) bt RCB 179/8 in 20 ovs (Kohli 54; Varun 3/27, Russell 2/29).

WITH THE LEAGUE AT THE HALF-WAY STAGE, A LOOK

Teams	Mts	W	L	Pts	NRR
Chennai	7	5	2	10	0.66
Gujarat	7	5	2	10	0.58
Rajasthan	7	4	3	8	0.84
Lucknow	7	4	3	8	0.54
Bangalore	8	4	4	8	-0.13
Punjab	7	4	3	8	-0.16
Mumbai	7	3	4	6	-0.62
Kolkata	8	3	5	6	-0.02
Hyderabad	7	2	5	4	-0.72
Delhi	7	2	5	4	-0.96

—Updated till RCB vs KKR match

TODAY'S MATCH

Top-tier battle

AS CHENNAI SUPER KINGS TAKE ON RAJASTHAN ROYALS IN JAIPUR, A LOOK...

CAN CHENNAI GET BACK AT RR?

After losing to RR on a surface that was perfectly suited for their bowling attack in Chennai, CSK are in Jaipur. And it is a place where they might feel at home too given the kind of slow turning surfaces RR has asked for. Will the visitors be able to make the most of it?

SAMSON VS JADEJA

Sanju Samson has had a couple of good knocks, but hasn't been scoring as consistently as he did last season. In Chennai, he got out to a ripper from Ravindra Jadeja. On Thursday, he will be one of the key players for RR should they intend to put on a high score on a slower surface.

CONWAY VS ASHWIN

It would not be an understatement to call R Ashwin the best offie of the season so far. Ashwin has been at his best across venues, not giving away much for the opponents to hit. In Devon Conway, he will have a challenge. The New Zealander is in top form and their battle in powerplay will make for a entertaining contest.

● Rajasthan Royals vs Chennai Super Kings, 7.30 PM, Jaipur ● Live on Star Sports and Jio Cinema

Please listen to us: Protesting wrestlers' clarion call to PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi/Chennai

AS the day broke, the protesting wrestlers had workouts at Jantar Mantar before continuing their stir on Wednesday. Country's top wrestlers — Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat — went about their chores on the streets of New Delhi and even had a light sparring session with other grapplers on the road. Though it's not ideal, but the wrestlers felt this the best for them.

The words of Rio medallist Sakshi echoed the sentiments of the wrestlers, who had been saying that when they win medals they are garlanded and when they protest no one hears them. "PM Modi sir talks about 'Beti Bachao' and 'Beti Padhao', and listens to everyone's 'mann ki baat'. Can't he listen to our 'mann ki baat'? He invites us to his home when we win medals and gives us a lot of respect and calls us his daughters. Today, we appeal to him that he listens to our 'mann ki baat'," Sakshi said during a media interaction.

"I want to ask Smriti Irani (Union Minister) why she is silent now? It's been four days that we are sleeping on the road, enduring mosquito bites. We are not being allowed (by Delhi Police) to prepare food and train, why are you silent? I just want to say that you come here, listen to us and support us," added Sakshi. "Maybe our truth is not reaching him, so we want to



(Top) Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Sangeeta Phogat and Sakshi Malik during a candle march in New Delhi on Wednesday. They trained near Jantar Mantar | PARVENE NEGI/PTI

meet him and let him know our issues." Away from the courtroom, the wrestlers had visitors from political and pressure groups too. Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik visited the protest site and said it was a matter of shame that athletes who are honoured in the country for their success are now fighting for justice on the streets.

Vinesh said, "We don't have the (telephone) numbers (of relevant people) by which we can reach out to him so we are appealing to PM Modi through the media to raise issues. Maybe he

can then listen to our cries. Our souls are almost dead, maybe he will notice."

Satya Pal Malik, who was the last Governor of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir, said he spoke to Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia on Tuesday night and promised to visit them at the protest site. "When our daughters win medals and unfurl the tri-colour, at that time very shamelessly, we invite them for tea to honour them and to click pictures with them, and today they are on road. We should drown in shame," Malik said.

Inputs from agencies

WRESTLERS' PLEA

Delhi Police seek time to register FIR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SEEKING more time to register an FIR against BJP MP and Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for allegedly assaulting women wrestlers, the Delhi Police on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that it first needs to do "some preliminary inquiry".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Delhi Police, submitted before the bench led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud that if the Supreme Court wants, an FIR could be registered immediately but there were some issues that the police would like to examine.

He added it should not be construed that no FIR has been registered despite the court asking for it.

Considering Mehta's submission, the CJI asked Delhi Police to explain its stand by way of an affidavit on Friday, when the plea of the wrestlers will also be heard.

While issuing notice to Delhi Police on Tuesday, the bench had observed that the plea had raised "serious allegations".

Meanwhile, the Delhi Commission For Women on Wednesday demanded registration of an FIR against Delhi Police officials for not lodging a case in connection with the sexual harassment allegations.

EXPRESS READ

Women's hockey team set for Australia tour

NEW DELHI: The Indian women's hockey team will tour Australia for a five-match series as part of preparations for the Asian Games. The tour will commence on May 18 and conclude on May 27. India will play the Australian national team in the first three games of the series, followed by two matches against Australia A. India will play their opening match of the tour on the May 18 before playing back-to-back games on the May 20 and 21.

Avani, Khalin on top at Asian Games trials

KOLKATA: Avani Prashanth carded a stunning 6-under 66 to move to the top after the second round of the Indian Golf Union-run Asian Games golf trials here. Avani rose from a 2-under 70 in the first round to get to 8-under 136 at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. In the men's section, Khalin Joshi stayed on top. Khalin added 68 to his first round 67. At 9-under 135 he is two shots clear of the SSP Chawrasia (69-68) and the in-form Aman Raj (69-68).

German club plans free entry for fans

DUESSELDORF: German soccer club Fortuna Duesseldorf is planning to let fans attend games for free. Duesseldorf, who currently plays in the second division, announced plans for its "Fortuna for all" scheme that will grant free entry to league games starting on a test basis for at least three as-yet undetermined matches next season. "We're opening soccer for everyone. We're going a whole new way," Duesseldorf chief executive Alexander Jobst said.

Villa in running for European football

AGENCIES @ London

ASTON Villa moved up to fifth in the Premier League with a 1-0 win over Fulham on Tuesday, as Leeds and Leicester played out a 1-1 draw in the battle to beat the drop.

Villa are now unbeaten in 10 games as they make a late push for Europe thanks to a remarkable turnaround since Unai Emery took charge.

Tyrone Mings scored the only goal at Villa Park as the England international headed in John McGinn's corner after 21 minutes.

Emery's men did not reach the heights they have in recent weeks, but did enough to edge above Tottenham and to climb within five points of the top four, albeit having played more games than Newcastle and Manchester United in the battle for a place in next season's Champions League.



Aston Villa's Tyrone Mings (L) celebrates his goal against Fulham | AP

"We are in the Europa (League) position. It is still difficult to achieve but after this win we are just ahead of trying to keep being with the option to get there," said Emery, who has won the Europa League four times as coach of Sevilla and Villarreal. "There's still Liverpool and Tottenham and Brighton (to come) and we are going to fight with them but with each match we are winning, it is giving us confidence and

chance to get there."

Leeds and Leicester remain perilously poised just above the relegation zone after the points were shared in an entertaining encounter at Elland Road.

The Foxes had won for the first time since February against Wolves on Saturday in Dean Smith's first home game in charge and looked to have made the perfect start when Youri Tielemans' strike found the top corner, but the goal was ruled out for offside against Boubakary Soumare.

Leeds swiftly went up the other end to go in front when Luis Sinisterra headed in Jack Harrison's brilliant cross.

Jamie Vardy had not scored in the Premier League for six months, but picked the perfect time to net a huge goal 10 minutes from time when he latched onto James Maddison's pass.

Tuesday's results: Wolves 2-0 Palace; Aston Villa 1-0 Fulham; Leeds 1-1 Leicester.

A BRUSH WITH HISTORY

Ahead of Raja Ravi Varma's 175th birth anniversary on April 29, this book – the first in a six-part series – by a city-based advocate explores the life and legacy of the celebrated artist

DESE GOWDA

When Ganesh Shivaswamy was diagnosed with pituitary cancer at the age of 16 in the '90s, he was told that the tumor might cause him to permanently lose one of his eyes. While he was undergoing chemotherapy to fight cancer, he didn't have many options medically to save his eye. So, when one of the doctors suggested he start looking at art to stimulate his optic nerves, he was quite irked. "Dr RM Varma, whose care I was placed under, explained that our sense of vision is quite powerful and responsive to external stimuli. He felt that we should try something out of the box in order to save my eye," says Shivaswamy, who then started to collect lithographs of paintings by renowned artist Raja Ravi Varma.

Nearly three decades later, Shivaswamy, a practicing lawyer has released a book *The Shaping of the Artist* (₹4,500, White Falcon Publishers), the first of a six-part series,

where he explores the life and works of Raja Ravi Varma. "The scale of the entire project is huge with over 1,70,000 words spanning six books. It's an expansive behind-the-scenes insight into Ravi Varma's processes and how each of his artworks came to be," Shivaswamy says, adding "Most of Ravi Varma's works are spoken about in isolation. I have tried to put his works in a larger context, answering questions such as, 'What were his influences?', 'Who were his models?', 'Did he use photography to stage his paintings?' and more."

While in search of answers to those questions, Shivaswamy also made some surprising discoveries. "I saw a whole box of negatives sitting at Kilimanoor Palace and when I scanned them, I saw someone posing as Damayanti. When I took a closer look, I realised it was Ravi Varma himself wearing a saree and posing on a stool," Shivaswamy shares. Ravi Varma is easily one of the most well-known artistic names in the country and his contribution to the art world is well documented. But Shivaswamy says Ravi Varma's role in democratising religion for scores of Indians is often less talked about. "When the lithograph of his painting of Lakshmi was made available to the public in the 1890s, suddenly a lot of people who didn't have access to temples could worship the goddess at their homes. We have to remember that not until another four decades later did social reforms allow everyone access to temples," he says, adding "With this book, everyone will know where the images of gods and goddesses that they have grown up worshipping came from and how they were created."

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MONIKA MONALISA

There are many funny viral memes going around the internet with people holding placards looking for houses as rentals soar in Bengaluru. Keeping all the fun elements aside, the problem is real for tenants in Bengaluru with house rents surging by 30-40 per cent, leaving many in the lurch.

Mrutyunjay Sahoo, an IT professional, who stays near Hopefarm in Whitefield, was paying rent of ₹18,000. After his annual hike as per the house rental contract, his rent went up to ₹19,500 but after two days he was asked by his landlord to vacate the house without giving a proper reason. "I wanted to look for a home in the same area as my office. For a similar 2BHK house, there was nothing under ₹24,000. Almost overnight the hike went up by 30-40 per cent. With such rental hikes, why would one not go for their own house and pay an EMI of the same amount?" says Sahoo. Roupya Dhal, an IT professional, who got married last year and moved to a bigger apartment says, one of the biggest reasons for the rental hike that people are facing is because of singles' sharing an apartment. "In a premium complex, high rentals are quite obvious. Since



Ranting over rent

Whitefield is an IT-dominated hub by singles, tenants share an apartment, which works out profitable for the landlords too. The divided cost might not cause such a pinch as compared to when a single person, couple, or a small family rents out the place," says Dhal.

While many fingers are raised towards singles' sharing a house, even they have their own share of woes. Nikchira Sangma, a makeup artist from

many brokers in the city say it was quite expected. "The landlords faced a setback during the lockdown when tenants started leaving the place. With work-from-home and remote working options, many landlords had empty houses. Now, companies have introduced a hybrid system and people are forced to return to the city. So the landlords are making up for the loss," says Shankar, a broker in HSR.

(With inputs from Tunir Biswas)

I wanted to look for a home in the same area as my office. For a 2BHK house, there was nothing under ₹24,000

Mrutyunjay Sahoo, IT professional

First 'next-gen store' launched

Amazon Fashion announced the launch of 'Next Gen Store', designed to cater to and empower the unique fashion needs of Gen Z shoppers. The store is designed for easy navigation and layout aesthetics that will make shopping an exciting experience for Gen Z customers. The store also offers a mix of fast fashion, sustainable fashion, and affordable styles, ensuring a holistic shopping experience at a single online. Saurabh Srivastava, director and head, Amazon Fashion India, said, "Born in the mid-90s and early 2000s, these young and futuristic neurotransmitters are taking over as the powerful youth force. Gen-Z's radiate the mantra of fashion boldness and mettle, they perceive technology as a means to information and empowerment. As shoppers, they want 'everywhere commerce', convenience at the click of a button and to address this need we launched a one-stop-online-storefront dedicated to Gen-Z 'Next Gen Store'.

Festival De Danza enchants Bengalureans

The third edition of Festival De Danza, India's premier jugalbandi dance festival, concluded recently at the Scouts & Guides Auditorium on Palace Road. The event showcased a blend of classical Indian dance forms by internationally and nationally-acclaimed dancers, celebrating the diversity and richness of India's cultural heritage. Veteran Bollywood actor Rohitashv Gour, on behalf of All India Artist Association (AIAA), expressed his delight at the event's success, saying, "It's an honour to be part of such an incredible initiative that brings together the finest talents of Indian classical dance. The success of this event is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of everyone involved. Festival De Danza is truly an unparalleled experience, and we are proud to be part of this celebration of our country's vibrant artistic legacy."

Italian chef to host pop-up at star restaurant

Chef Simone Loisi, Chef de Cuisine at Shangri-La Singapore's Italian restaurant, Waterfall Ristorante Italiano, is taking over Caprese for a brief sojourn in the city from April 28 to May 7. The Italian chef, who hails from the Southern Italian region of Puglia, will make his debut in India at Shangri-La and will showcase his signature handmade pasta and heirloom recipes that have been passed down through generations in his family. Chef Loisi's takeover will showcase a menu that exemplifies the rustic spirit of authentic southern Italian cuisine.

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengaluru@cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

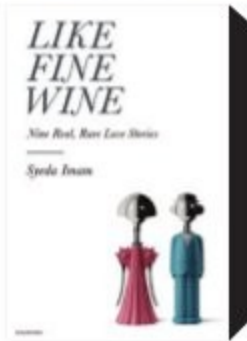
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FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Mamata Dash 2) Anuradha Chaugule 3) Sindhu Jagannath



BOOK NOOK



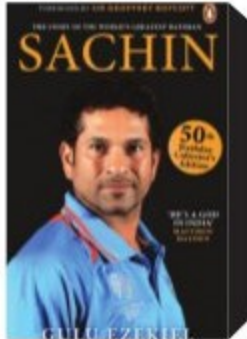
Like Fine Wine by Syeda Bilgrami Imam

Does love double or halve the lives it touches and enfolds? Is it luck or gruelling hard work...or the two together? Within these pages some clues, some answers you may find.



Charagh Dar Charagh by Vikas Gupta

In this book, the ghazals of the next generation of poets have been compiled in the land of master poets.



Sachin: The Story of the World's Greatest Batsman by Gulu Ezekiel

A compelling account of Sachin the man and the legend. The author tracks him from his childhood and follows him on his meteoric rise to international stardom.



The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

Filled with clever criminals, second chances, and wry and witty women, this book is a razor-sharp debut of humor and heart that readers won't soon forget.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Enchanting words

Listen to city-based thespian Padmavati Rao, while she discusses the importance of books and how they trigger thoughts in young minds.

WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
 WHEN: April 29, 5.30pm
 DETAILS: 96325 10126



Life on Stage

Written by Navoneil Bhattacharyya and directed by Shekhar Sanyal, the play *Endings*, explores some hard-hitting truths.

WHERE: Jagruti Theatre, Whitefield
 WHEN: April 30, 3.30pm
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Splash of Summer

This summer, pack in your swimwear and head to the rooftop pool at the Marriott Hotel for a break.

WHERE: EPIP Zone, Whitefield DETAILS: 88841 91432



Bum Calories

Tap your feet to Punjabi music and learn some Bhangra steps with this workshop.

WHERE: Dialogues Cafe, JP Nagar
 WHEN: April 30, 7.30pm
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Inner peace

Shakti Cirque Gathering, a transformative workshop designed exclusively for women who are feeling overwhelmed, stuck, or struggling to tap into their inner strength and courage.

WHERE: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur
 WHEN: April 30, 5pm
 DETAILS: 88001 60184

Foodie's delight

Enjoy this IPL season with a brand new menu at Booby Griffin. Watch live matches and try out some mouthwatering delicacies. Unlimited beer & starters at just ₹1,499.

WHERE: Marathahalli
 WHEN: April 27
 DETAILS: 9880437555



Mango Delight

Mango lassi, brie bruschetta, raw mango samosa, nachos with chili mango salsa, and raw mango chicken tikka...There is something to tantalise every taste bud at this mango festival.

WHERE: Hyatt Centric, MG Road
 WHEN: Till May 10, 12pm onwards
 DETAILS: 959 1510193



CULTURAL COMMEMORATION

Artistes perform during a festival organised by the International Foundation of Art to mark the occasion of Kannada matinee idol Rajkumar's 95th birth anniversary on April 24 at Seva Sadan in Malleswaram.

QUICK FIX

BRINJAL PULUSU



Contributed by Usha Rajagopal, Secunderabad

INGREDIENTS

- Brinjal: 250g
- Curry leaves: 1 sprig
- Dried red chilli: 2-3
- Turmeric powder: 1 tsp
- Sambar powder: 3 tsp
- Green chilli: 4-5
- Mustard & Jeera: 1 tsp each
- Salt as per taste
- Red chilli powder: 1.5-2 tsp
- Tamarind paste: 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Heat oil in a pan and splutter mustard and cumin seeds. Add dried red chillies, asafoetida, curry leaves, green chillies.
- Chop brinjal in cubes and add it. You can replace brinjal with okra or tomato and onion.
- When brinjal turns soft, dilute the tamarind paste to three cups and add it to the pan.
- Add salt, turmeric powder and red chilli powder. When the mixture boils, add sambar powder. Simmer it immediately and stir to avoid lumps. Once it starts bubbling, make a slurry of water and add two teaspoons of rice flour to the mix. Cook it for one minute.
- Garnish with coriander leaves and serve. Goes well with upma.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

EKA PADA CHATURANGA DANDASANA VARIATION (ONE-LEGGED FOUR-LIMBED STAFF POSE)

This is a pose, which uses the core and shoulder muscles to get into the posture. Balancing the body on the palms and one knee requires strength balance.

STEPS

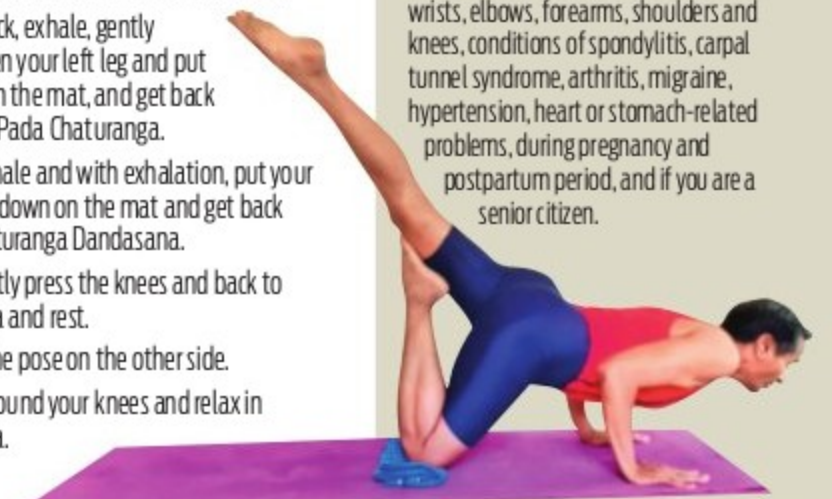
- Start in Chaturanga Dandasana by aligning your body in a straight line and firmly planting the palms and toes on the mat.
- Keep your core muscles engaged, equally dividing the body weight in to your hands and legs. Breathe slowly and deeply.
- Feel balanced and stabilised in Chaturanga Dandasana, inhale, ground your palms firmly on the mat and lift your right leg.
- Ensure toes point towards the ceiling, knees straight, and hips flexed, and get into the pose. Take at least two-three breaths here.
- Take a deep breath and, with exhalation, ground your left knee on the mat and position your left foot in a way that supports the extended (right) leg.
- Left foot is aligned on the right shin bone.
- Balance your body on the grounded knee and palms. Maintain your balance with stable breathing and arm strength. Hold for three to four breaths.
- To get back, exhale, gently straighten your left leg and put it back on the mat, and get back into Eka Pada Chaturanga.
- Again, inhale and with exhalation, put your right leg down on the mat and get back into Chaturanga Dandasana.
- Now, gently press the knees and back to Balasana and rest.
- Repeat the pose on the other side.
- Slowly ground your knees and relax in Balasana.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens core, arms and knees.
- Stretches and lengthens muscles of hips, hamstrings and quads.
- Range of motion of hip joints can be increased.
- Upper body balancing on arms and elbows boosts flexibility.
- Increases focus and balance.
- Increases core and muscle strength builds endurance and stamina.
- Stimulates the abdominal organs.
- Positively impacts the digestive system.
- Brings stability to the body by circulating blood flow equally.
- Makes practitioners emotionally, mentally, and physically stronger.

LIMITATIONS

Avoid in case of injuries or any surgeries in wrists, elbows, forearms, shoulders and knees, conditions of spondylitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, arthritis, migraine, hypertension, heart or stomach-related problems, during pregnancy and postpartum period, and if you are a senior citizen.



By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



KANJOOS MAJNU KHARCHILI LAILA (Punjabi)

A misery young man who falls in love with a middle-class girl who wishes to enjoy all the finer things in life and has big dreams of a high-flying and jet-setting lifestyle.

Cast: Rajeev Thakur, Shehnaaz
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KANNAI NAMBATHEY (Tamil)

After being forced to find a new place to live, Arun is inadvertently caught in a dangerous web when he becomes connected to a mysterious murder.

Cast: Udhayanidhi Stalin, Aathmika, Prasanna
 Watch on: Netflix

SELFIE (Hindi)

Bollywood superstar Vijay Kumar needs to obtain a new driving license from RTO officer Om Prakash Agarwal, a diehard fan of Vijay. A misunderstanding escalates into a feud which is played out in front of the entire country.

Cast: Akshay Kumar, Emraan Hashmi, Mrunal Thakur
 Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



SIR (Hindi)

When a private school teacher is assigned to a neglected public school, he must overcome personal and political strife in his fight for education.

Cast: Dhanush, Samyuktha Menon, Samuthirakani
 Watch on: Netflix



LIGER (Telugu)

A story about martial arts, dreams and star crossed lovers. Liger is an MMA fighter who trains hard and rises up the ranks with one goal in mind, to fight like his idol, world renowned MMA fighter Mark Anderson and get noticed by him

Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Ananya Pandey
 Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

GURU SHISHYARU (Kannada)

Manohara who joins a school only for the sake of acquiring an experience certificate. But he is thrown into deeper conflicts when his connection gets stronger with students and the villagers.

Cast: Suresh Heblikar, Nishvika Naidu
 Watch on: ZEE5



KABZAA (Kannada)

The saga of Amareshwara and his family which gets destroyed by the British atrocity and later gets into trouble, due to the rise of the mafia. Inspired from a few incidents that occurred between 1945 to 1986.

Cast: Upendra, Sudeep, Shriya Saran
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

FROM ME TO YOU: KIMI NI TODOKE (Japanese, series)

With her gloomy demeanour, Sawako has a hard time fitting in. But when an outgoing classmate approaches her, life takes a turn for the better.

Cast: Sara Minami, Ouji Suzuki, Kaito Sakura
 Watch on: Netflix



THE BIG DOOR PRIZE (English, series)

A series about the residents of a small town called Deerfield, who one day discover a magical, destiny-predicting machine in their grocery store.

Cast: Djouliet Amara, Patrick Kerr, Elizabeth Hunter
 Watch on: Apple TV

THE POWER (English, series)

A global thriller based on Naomi Alderman's award-winning novel. The world of *The Power* is our world, but for one twist of nature.

Cast: Toni Collette, Toheeb Jimoh, Halle Bush
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



BOSTON STRANGLER (English)

Loretta McLaughlin was the reporter who first connected the murders and broke the story of the Boston Strangler. She and Jean Cole challenged the sexism of the early 1960s to report on the city's most notorious serial killer.

Cast: Keira Knightley, Carrie Coon, Chris Cooper
 Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

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Voice-related diseases often go undiagnosed. April 16 was World Voice Day, observed to create awareness on problems, diagnosis and treatment

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

DR SHAWN T JOSEPH

VOICE is the most important part of communication skills. Even in this era of machine learning and artificial intelligence, the importance of voice has only increased with more people switching to audio and video-based learning. Many careers too are built on voice.

The brilliance of Marc Antony's presentation or the sincerity in Martin Luther King Jr's dream may not have resonated in our minds if the voice and tone were not matched. Voice is important not just to politicians, singers, priests or professionals like teachers, radio and video artists, but it is an integral part of day-to-day survival.

How well do human beings take care of the voice?

World Voice Day is celebrated on April 16 to raise awareness of voice-related problems, diagnosis and treatment. Voice-related disorders go undiagnosed and uncorrected. They could be the result of overuse or incorrect use of voice, neurological disorders or cancers.

Diagnosis of voice-related diseases can be done by a voice pathologist or an ENT specialist. In the case of symptoms related to cancer of the voice box, it may make a big difference if you take the opinion of a head and neck cancer specialist. Also,

problems with the voice can be due to underlying neurological problems, which would require consultation with a neuro physician.

Learning the correct way of using your voice, adequate voice rest and hydration would be enough to solve simpler issues.

The presence of small swellings on the vocal cord such as cysts and polyps could also lead to problems. These can be corrected through relatively simple procedures such as endoscopic excision.

Early vocal cord cancers and pre-malignant conditions of vocal cords can also be treated with endoscopic surgery in a single day. In today's medical world, many of these do not require separate procedures for diagnosis like biopsy and treatment.

The diagnosis and clearance of early vocal cord cancer can be confirmed on many occasions during the same procedure using technology like carbon dioxide laser and frozen section.

Some cases of voice box cancer may require treatment using radiation therapy and chemotherapy while advanced cases may need complete surgical removal of the voice box. In all cases of suspected cancer, it is important that your doctor takes a decision after discussing your case in a multidisciplinary tumour board.

Voice symptoms can also be due to underlying neuromus-

cular disorders, which may need treatment with medicines, voice therapy or in some cases injection. These conditions would also benefit from multidisciplinary assessment and treatment planning by your medical team.

Causes of hoarseness of voice

- Overuse, incorrect use or abuse of voice
- Upper respiratory infections like common cold
- Infections or inflammation of voice box
- Laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR), is when your stomach acids move up to the level of your voice box to cause inflammation there. This can happen in people with heartburn
- Vocal nodules, cysts and polyps, haemorrhage
- Vocal fold paralysis
- Neurological diseases and disorders
- Cancer of the voice box
- Muscle tension

How can you take care of your voice?

- Quit smoking. Stay away from second-hand smoke.
- Avoid alcohol and other fluids that dehydrate your body

- Drink plenty of water
- Avoid spicy foods
- Avoid shouting
- Avoid the use of voice for too long

When should you consult a doctor?

- Difficulty in breathing
- Pain when speaking
- Pain when swallowing
- Coughing up blood
- Difficulty in swallowing
- A lump in your neck
- No voice at all for more than a few days
- Change in voice lasting more than 1-2 weeks
- Coughing while eating or drinking
- Blood in the sputum

Treatment for vocal cord cancer

- Endoscopic carbon dioxide laser treatment
- Radiation therapy
- Chemoradiotherapy
- Open surgery
- Voice rehabilitation procedures and therapy after surgery

(The writer is the director of Institute of Head and Neck Sciences and a senior consultant of surgical oncology, VPS Lakeshore Hospital, Kochi)



OVERCOMING ALLERGIES

DR SALMA MASHOOD

AN allergy can be described as sensitiveness of a body to allergens or certain substances in the environment. An allergic reaction occurs within a few minutes after coming in contact with the allergen, or it may be delayed for several hours or several days. Almost any part of the body can be affected by allergies, mainly the nose and eyes, the skin, the chest, intestines or ears. Pollen, dust, cosmetics, poisonous plants, serums, vaccines etc., are commonly known to cause allergies as also oranges, milk, eggs, wheat, fish, chocolates, cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes and strawberries.

An allergy that affects the nose and eyes is commonly known as hay fever or allergic rhinitis, a chronic state where day after day you sneeze 20 or 30 times. It is not an acute cold although the symptoms are similar. The best way to deal with hay fever is to fast on fruit and fruit juices for a few days and to get into the habit of regular exercise. You will build your physical resistance and not fall prey to every allergen that comes your way.

A simple, ancient technique from Ayurveda is jal neti or nasal douche (nose wash). Jal neti helps flush out dirt and bacteria from the nasal passages. Clear na-

sal passages prevent infections, improve breathing and hence the blood circulation. Your breath remains fresh, eyesight improves and you even sleep better. Take ten minutes out from your day to do jal neti and you can be free of sinusitis and hay fever for life. Migraine and asthma symptoms also get reduced immensely by this practice.

Food allergies occur when the system is overloaded – wrong foods such as alcohol, sugar, refined cereals, tobacco and foods that contain preservatives, flavouring and chemical additives put a lot of stress on the digestive system. For preventive purposes, the entire Vitamin C complex foods, which are known as bio-flavonoids are recommended. Vitamin E also possesses effective anti-allergic properties. Research has shown that the use of five drops of castor oil in a little juice or water taken on an empty stomach in the morning prevents allergies of the intestinal tract, skin and nasal passages.

Stress is also a great contributor to allergic reactions in the body. When the mind is not at ease, you are tense and worried – you become an easy target for allergies. It is best to learn to relax, unwind, and let go – for accumulating stress will only decrease your quality of life.

(The writer is a consultant & teacher of homeopathy)

NUGGETS

Vit D levels affect body's response to cancer treatment

Vitamin D levels may be key in determining the body's response to anti-cancer immunotherapy. A study in the journal *CANCER* showed that for patients with advanced melanoma, it may be important to maintain normal vitamin D levels when receiving immunotherapy medications. Vit D has many effects on the body, including regulation of the immune system. "Vitamin D is not itself an anti-cancer drug, but its normal serum level is needed for the proper functioning of the immune system, including the response that anti-cancer drugs like immune checkpoint inhibitors affect," said author Lukasz Galus, from Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poland.

— IANS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJESAB M VATNAL, S/o. Moulasab, Aged about 37 years, R/at # 243/A, Hosur Street, Naradund, Gadag - 582 207, today at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from RAJESAB KONDAANAVAR to RAJESAB M VATNAL vide affidavit dated 26.4.2023 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SATHYA KARTHIK RAMADASS, S/o. K. Ramadass, Aged about 50 years, R/at No. A-103, Wilson Manor Apartment, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru - 560 027, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from VIDYA .S to VIDYA .S.B. KARTHIK vide affidavit dated 24.04.2023 sworn to before S. Nagaraja, Advocate & Notary Public (Govt. of Karnataka), Bengaluru. Reg. No. 180, Book-I, Page 44.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ANISH BHANDARY.T, residing at No. 2, 5th Main, Atria College, Anand Nagar, Bangalore-560024, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) ANISH BHANDARY.T to (NEW NAME) ANISH BHANDARY.T vide affidavit dated 25/04/2023 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJATH TALAKAD SRIPAD, S/O Sripad Sripada Rao Vadiraj R/at No. 1586 17th Main Road JP Nagar 2nd Phase Bengaluru-560078 Have changed my name to RAJATH TALKAD SRIPAD vide affidavit dated: 26/4/2023 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT / CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. Poornima Kanthraj W/o. Sri. Katharaj B.J. Aged about 42 years, R/at Flat No. 408, Optimum Rose Apartment, Cambridge Garden, Kodigehalli Main Road, K.R. Puram, Bangalore - 560 036, do hereby declare that Poornima Kanthraj & Poornima K.G., both the names are pertain to me only and I am known as Poornima Kanthraj & Poornima K.G. That I expressly authorize and request all the authorities/persons in general relatives & friends in particular at all times hereafter to designate and address me as Smt. Poornima Kanthraj, vide affidavit dated 26.4.2023 sworn to before H.N. Nagaraj, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

By this deed, I the undersigned I, LEPAKSHI SARVESH, S/o late BoseBabu, Aged about 34 years, R/at Flat No. 147/10, 1st Floor, Defense Enclave, Janata Colony, Doddakannahalli, Bengaluru-560035. That, my name Lepakshi sarvesh has been known in the name of Lepakshi sarvesh since my birth and in all my records, Driving license and also the Aadhar Card, PAN card held in my name. But the name shown in my passport bearing No.M7399006, issued in the date of 12.03.2015 bears my name as LEPAXI SARVESH. Even my father name shown is wrong as Bhosa babu instead of BoseBabu, which is not correct. I have also sworn to an affidavit to this effect. At all time hereafter to designate and address my name as LEPAKSHI SARVESH only. Vide Affidavit dated 26.04.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary R.S. Vijay, Bangalore.

THANKSGIVING

Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
NARESH, SHOBHA, PUNIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, RAJASEKHAR P, Residing at No. 23, MS Layout, 1st Main, Jaragana halli, J P Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my minor child name from PHADARTHI HITEN to PHADARTHI HITHIN, vide affidavit dated: 12.04.2023 before Notary H.G. PADMANABHA RAO, B'uru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) KAVITHA Spouse of NO JC-312151K SUB SHIJEESH M, Residing at Malayali House, Thuvakode (Post), Chemanchery (Vil), Kozhikode (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 673304, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) KAVITHA P K, Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

LOST

I, AAMIR HAMZA TABANI S/O Mohammed Ali Tabani, aged about 18 years have LOST my Original 10th Grade Marks Sheet & Pass Certificate (ICSE) of Presidency School, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. If found please Contact : 9108557917/ 9900444044 or Return to this Address: Prakash Citadel, Flat No: C 35, Muninagappa Layout, Kaval Byrasanad Main Road, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560032.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service number JC-311486F SUBEDAR A. ADIMOLAM of TRAINING BATTALION-III, MADRAS ENGR GROUP & CENTRE, BANGALORE, PIN: 560042, Have Changed My Son Name (OLD NAME) SOHAN to (NEW NAME) SOHAN RAMESH SAVANUR Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SUJATHA Spouse of NO JC-311108W SUB MAJ VENKATA SESHAGIRI RAO ABBURI, Residing at Vill: Mangamur, Post: Mangamur, Taluk: Ongole, Dist: Prakasam, State: ANDHRA PRADESH Pin: 523225. Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) ABBURI SUJATHA Vide Affidavit Dated 21.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC- 312738H SUB RAMESH, of unit: CIW, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, PIN: 560042, Have Changed My Son Name (OLD NAME) SOHAN to (NEW NAME) SOHAN RAMESH SAVANUR Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SARIKA Spouse of Late EX SEP BAJARANG CHALAWADI Residing at Vill & Post - Mangusli, Taluk: Athani, Dist - Belgavi, State - KARNATAKA, PIN: 591234, Have Changed My Daughter Name (OLD NAME) NISARGA to (NEW NAME) NISARGA BAJARANG CHALAWADI And Daughter (OLD NAME) NIDI to (NEW NAME) NIDI BAJARANG CHALAWADI Vide Affidavit Dated 18.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GEETHA SAVANUR Spouse of NO JC- 312738H SUB RAMESH Residing at Near Shiddarod Matha, Gajendragad (Vill & Post), Ron (TK), Gadag (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 582114, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) GEETHA SAVANUR Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC- 312151K SUB SHIJEESH M, of unit: 13 FD COY, 4 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 AO, PIN:914004, Have Changed My Daughter Name (OLD NAME) K S ASHIKA to (NEW NAME) ASHIKA K S Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC- 312738H SUB RAMESH, of unit: CIW, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, PIN: 560042, Have Changed My Name Self (OLD NAME) RAMESH to (NEW NAME) RAMESH Y SAVANUR Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LINGAMMA, W/o Manjunatha.V., aged about 34 years, R/at No.E 709, 6th Cross, Dinnur, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore- 560067
I have changed my name from "RAMYA" to "LINGAMMA," Vide Affidavit dated 25-04-2023, duly sworn before Lakshminarayana Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Varenaya Vijaykumar, D/o K Vijaykumar, aged about 34 years, residing at A3-1403 Elite Promenade, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru 560076, do hereby declare that my correct name is Varenaya Vijaykumar. I state that I had been issued with passport no: N4186877 on 10-11-2015 by the regional passport office at Bengaluru wherein my name has been shown as Varenaya and surname Vijaykumar has not been mentioned and hence the same has to be added in my passport. Vide Affidavit dated 25.4.2023 sworn to before K. Venkateshan, Notary Public, Govt. Of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHALAKSHMI .V.T W/o Yashwanth, Resident of No.383, 7th Cross, 2nd Block, 1st Stage, Kalyan Nagar, Nagarabhatti, Bengaluru-560072. Have changed my name from SRILAKSHMI .V.T to MAHALAKSHMI V.T, vide Affidavit dated 25th April 2023 before Advocate and Notary Deepa .M. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMPATH KUMAR SUNDARARAJAN, S/o R. Sundararajan (late), aged about 53 years, R/at No. 37, Kalyan Kutir, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, MLA Layout, (Lakshmanappa Nagar), Lottegollahalli, RMV 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from MRUNALIKA to SAMPATH KUMAR MRUNALIKA, henceforth she shall be known and called as SAMPATH KUMAR MRUNALIKA only, vide affidavit dated 19-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary Smt. A. MANJULA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SAROJA, residing at Bullnaddi, K.Bellur, Mandya-571433, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SAROJA to (NEW NAME) BORAMMA.K vide affidavit Dated 26/04/2023 sworn before Notary C.Venkatapathy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AJITH VISHWANATHAN, S/o Vishwanathan, aged 38 years, R/at No. B 509, 5th Floor, Elegant Embassy, North Jakkur Main Road, Raithara Santhe Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from AJITH VISHWANATHAN to AJITH KARIMBIL, henceforth I shall be known and called as AJITH KARIMBIL only, vide affidavit dated 25-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary C. VENKATAPATHY at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) VISHWANATHA MYLAVARAM ASWATHANARAYANA SHETY, residing at Madhura Nilaya, Kere Beedi, Magadi Town, Magadi, Ramanagar District, Karnataka State Pincode-562120, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) VISHWANATHA MYLAVARAM ASWATHANARAYANA SHETY to (NEW NAME) VISHWANATH MYLAVARAM ASWATHANARAYANA SHETY vide affidavit Dated 26/04/2023 sworn before Notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SMT. PREETHI KIRAN, W/o Kiran Kumar, D/o Lalchand Jamunadas Ahuja, aged about 44 years, R/at No.14-A, NGGO Colony (Jawahar Nagar) Raja Annamalai Road, Sai Baba Mission Road, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu,
I have changed my name from "PREETHI LALCHAND AHUJA" to "PREETHI KIRAN" Vide Affidavit dated 03-03-2023, duly sworn before Ramesh Kumar K. Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HEMA BHAT, residing at No. 177, 5th Cross, GKW Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) HEMA BHAT to (NEW NAME) HEMA PRASHANTH vide affidavit Dated 26/04/2023 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MADHURI KANAGALA, Aged about 39 years, W/o K.Sudhir, Residing at No.10/2/5, Vidyanayapura, Doddabattahalli, Opposite Ambabhavani Temple, Sambharanga College Road, Bangalore-560097, have declared that my names K.MADHURI, MADHURI MEDARAMELTA and MADHURI KANAGALA belongs to me only, and both names belongs to one and the same person, have decided to continue my name in future as "MADHURI KANAGALA". vide affidavit dated 25-04-2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary V. Nagarajan, Bengaluru

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Jaggesh

'I AM KEEPING MYSELF UPDATED TO CONNECT WITH ALL AUDIENCES'

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR Jaggesh has a special connection with *Raghavendra Stores*. The ardent devotee of Raghavendra attributes the title to his favourite God. "It is not just another name to me, I value it as much as heartbeat," he says with a warm smile.

Known for his splendid acting, Jaggesh has never failed to keep us in splits with every film of his. He believes in entertaining his audience instead of making them go through hard emotions. "Audiences will always connect with films that have a light-hearted mood and effective and situational comedy. As an actor, my motive is to entertain my viewers and make sure they leave with a smile on their faces. I am confident that I will achieve that once again with *Raghavendra Stores*," says Jaggesh, as he adds that director Santhosh Anandram, who has penned the script has opted for a realistic approach and the film will be relatable to every member of the family.

Raghavendra Stores, which is slated to release this week, explores the story of a man who gets married



A still from the film

late and faces a lot of consequences because of his decision. "It is indeed a sensitive and serious issue, but we have interlaced it with ample humour. The real conflict of *Raghavendra Stores* begins after marriage, and how

the lead pair find their common ground and build a happy family tells the rest of the story with an important message at the end," says Jaggesh, who believes that the female viewers will have a lot to cherish after watch-

ing the film. "They might even wish to have a husband, like my character Haya-vadana in *Raghavendra Stores*. That's how beautiful Santhosh has sketched the character of the protagonist."

Navarasa Nayaka shares that the final act of the film will move the audience to tears. "Though the film mostly runs on comedy, the last 20 minutes will make everybody cry. Director Santhosh Anandram has beautifully woven a story in the backdrop of Malnad. The mesmerising cinematography by Shreesha Kuduvali, beautiful music by Ajaneesh Loknath and the ample support by Hombale Films has elevated the film to the league of classics."

Jaggesh, as a parting statement, says that he only wants to get better with age, experience, and transition. "Just like every fan out there, I also agree that an actor should change according to the times. I can never be stagnant and I always make sure to be updated. I have a research team, who keep updating me on the latest trends, stories and what the audience like watching. 'I am keeping myself updated to connect with all audiences'.

Being part of rare and exciting projects gives me a high: Vijay Raghavendra

The actor in conversation with CE talks about his upcoming solo-act thriller

CE FEATURES

VIJAY Raghavendra the National Award-Winning actor admits to being lucky. Having won laurels and awards as a child artist for his role in the films like *Chinnari Mutha* and *kottreshi Kanasu*, Vijay continued to enjoy donning several avatars and slipping into unique roles.

An actor, who is ambitious about his choice of projects has often tried to create benchmarks. Through *Raaghu*, directed by Anand Raj, Vijay yet again attempts to pull off a rare character. Billed as a thriller with commercial sensibilities, the film will feature the actor as the sole actor and it will feature him playing multiple characters. "I was surprised when I got the offer. I took time to analyse each character. I am an ambitious actor and I want to make use of the roles that come my way," says the actor, ahead of the release of the film produced under DKS Studios and Kota Film Factory.

Raaghu has cinematography by Uday Leela, music by Sujoy Jois, and a background score by Ritvik Muralidhar. At a time when cinema is becoming all

about grandeur, huge sets, with an ensemble cast, it is a rarity to witness a solo actor film. "To be part of something rare always gives me a high. *Raaghu* is a thriller with elements of action, suspense and crime, but with a single person. I am keeping my fingers crossed and I hope people will find this solo-act film to be entertaining," he says.

How did Vijay fill in the shoes of a hero, a possible villain and also manage to interlace humour into the story. "The director gave me clear instructions and I just had to go by what was demanded in various situations and make it look as real as possible. Fitting myself in various shades and reacting to myself was interesting, and challenging as well. The whole pressure was taken by the director and the technicians," says Vijay, who in particular enjoyed the negative shade of his character.

He believes that the craft of the technicians will engage the audience. "Irrespective of the capabilities of the actor, I think it is the contribution of the writer, director and the cinematographer that will engage the audience. To be liked as a performer above all this is the challenge," he signs off.

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Vikram Ravichandran's gangster drama titled Mudhol

The film directed by Karthik Rajan revolves around a hound

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VIKRAM Ravichandran's upcoming gangster drama has been titled *Mudhol*. The Tri-vikram actor along with the team has completed 30 days of shooting. Directed by Karthik Rajan, the announcement was made on Wednesday with the title teaser and first look. The Crazy Star Junior is seen in a gangster avatar holding a machete in his hand and biting a bone. The picture also shows a dog holding a knife in its mouth, showcasing its loyalty to him.

The teaser shows Vikram as a prisoner, who is preparing a meal for other inmates, who are masked and waiting to take him down. But the dog comes to his rescue and together they vanquish the gang. Directed by Karthik Rajan, who is marking his Kannada debut, says, "There is a place

named Mudhol in Karnataka and a dog breed called Mudhol Hound. The dog plays an important role in our film. When Vikram shared this story with his father, Ravichandran, he felt *Mudhol* as the title would do justice to the film and the story."

With Raksha and Vijay Kumar bankrolling the project, the film will also have Vikram Ravichandran relaunching their home banner, Eswari Productions.

The makers who are getting ready to resume the schedule will be shooting in Shivamogga, Mudhol, and Bengaluru. While the makers have roped in music composer Yuvaraj and editor PK, the team is yet to reveal the complete cast and crew. However, CE has learned that Sanjana Anand will be starring as the female lead, opposite Vikram Ravichandran, and an official announcement is awaited.



A still from the film

John Cena-starrer Vacation Friends 2 sets release date

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VACATION Friends 2, the sequel to Hulu's 2021 comedy *Vacation Friends*, is all set to hit the streamer on August 25. John Cena, Lil Rel Howery, Yvonne Orji and Meredith Hagner will be reprising their roles from the

2021 film. The sequel is set at a Caribbean resort.

The first film, *Vacation Friends*, saw Howery's Marcus and Orji's Emily meeting and becoming friends with Ron and Kyla, played by Cena and Hagner, respectively. Having tied the knot in the first film, Marcus and Emily

win an all-expenses-paid trip to a Caribbean resort and choose to invite Ron and Kyla. On the trip, Marcus plans to meet the owners of the resort to place his stake at a hotel they own in Chicago. At the same time, Kyla's convict father Reese (Steve Buscemi), appears an-

nounced at the resort.

Hulu also dropped the first-look poster of *Vacation Friends 2* along with the release date. The poster features the four stars in vacation clothing. Clay Traver, who helmed the original, has also written and helmed *Vacation Friends 2*.

